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What's Happening

at Letterkenny Army Depot



LETTERKENNY CELEBRATES 247TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

By Dorie Heyer

In celebration of the U.S. Army's 247th birthday, Letterkenny Army Depot hosted a virtual birthday ceremony June 14.

Lt. Col. Austin Wakefield, installation operations officer, LEAD, provided remarks during the ceremony.

"For 247 years, the U.S. Army has answered the call to defend and support America against both foreign and domestic challenges, and we'll continue to do so in the future," Wakefield remarked. "Our Soldiers are the best trained and most prepared in the world, making them ready to face any obstacle they may encounter, including natural disasters, public health pandemics and, of course, enemy forces. It's no accident that our Soldiers are ready anytime and anywhere."

This year's Army birthday theme is "Defending America 24/7" in recognition of the United States Army Soldiers' 247 years of service to the nation. This year's Army birthday is especially significant given that Letterkenny is preparing to celebrate its 80th Anniversary of service to the Army in July of this year.

"The numerals that make up this year's birthday – 2, 4 and 7 – are significant for two reasons," Wakefield said in his remarks. "First, because the Army has existed for 247 years. And second, because the Army is there to defend our nation 24/7."

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The ceremony featured a viewing of the official Army Birthday video and a ceremonial cake cutting performed by the oldest and youngest Letterkenny Soldiers. Spc. Senequai T. Mann, a military police officer assigned to LEAD, and Sgt. Maj. Ekondua C. Amoke, depot Sergeant Major, cut the birthday cake to signify the passing of tradition from one generation of Soldiers to the next.

"The Army's legacy has been built on our storied 247 years of history, displayed in the dedication, courage and heroism of the American Soldier," Wakefield said. "Today, we commemorate all who have answered the call to service since the Army's founding in 1775."

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

JESSE MILLER & JAMES FENNEN II

Mr. Jesse Miller has been selected as the Wage Grade employee of the quarter for quarter two. As an electronic industrial controls mechanic in the Directorate of Supply and Transportation, Mr. Miller makes numerous contributions to the depot's mission.

Jesse shared that he enjoys the independent nature of his position and the technical challenges that working in maintenance support provides.

"I enjoy the working relationships and the team aspect of being a LEAD employee," Miller stated. "It is an honor to be recognized for my small contributions to our men and women in uniform and our nation."

Mr. James Fennen II serves as an equipment specialist in the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness. Mr. Fennen was selected as the General Schedule employee of the quarter for his dedication and commitment to the mission.



A Message from the Commander

On June 14th, we celebrated the United States Army's 247th birthday, which allowed us to look back and see just how far the military has advanced. Today, the Army Soldier is more lethal, more intelligent, and better equipped than ever, serving as a strong deterrent against any potential enemy. Like the Army, Letterkenny Army Depot is a family – an amalgamation of individuals, groups, and teams, but instead of deterrence, our purpose is to underwrite equipment readiness for the warfighter, and we do this by consistently delivering the absolute best product we can. Over the last eight decades, the men and women of Letterkenny Army Depot have consistently provided first-class support to the Department of Defense, and on the

28th of July, the Depot will celebrate its 80th anniversary to commemorate its accomplishments. That same day, the Depot will also celebrate Employee Appreciation Day, an event designed to say "thank you" to every Artisan who works at Letterkenny Army Depot. I certainly look forward to celebrating both events!

Thank you for what you do.
COL Rick Allbritton



MEET THE TEAM

POWER GENERATION

The Power Generation program management team at Letterkenny is responsible for the complete overhaul, reset, direct support and depot-level repairs for a multitude of power generation equipment.

“The core mission of the Power Generation PMT is to keep our promise to the customer. Our team is highly focused on ensuring that we deliver every asset to the customer in support of our soldiers,” said Mark Culbertson, program manager for Power Generation. “Our promise is our word; when we make a promise, we go above and beyond to exceed that expectation.”



The Power Generation team has an extensive list of capabilities that include various levels of work on generators, power plants, and trailer and truck mounts. Additionally, the team has capabilities in repairing components for several systems, performing corrosion treatment, and fielding teams when required to help support the warfighter at a moment's notice.

Recently, the team completed all of the generators and Electric Power Plants to support the depot's PATRIOT reset mission.

“The early completion of the generators and EPPs for PATRIOT reset was so crucial to our team because we take pride in our work and meeting customer expectations,” Culbertson said. “The Power Generation team understands how critical it is to have these assets out in the field for our Soldiers, and the sooner we can get it to them, the better.”

Due to their effectiveness and efficiency, the team completed the assets in a shorter time than any previous repair cycle.

“What made this mission so unique was that these assets were delivered to our organization multiple days behind schedule. Even with this obstacle, our exceptional team was able to turn these assets around in a shorter time than what we promised the customer,” Culbertson remarked.

The Power Generation team is comprised of skilled artisans with diversified skill sets that enhance the depot's agility, responsiveness and readiness.

“Our team members are highly skilled in various areas such as power support system mechanics, diesel engine technicians and electronic mechanics,” Culbertson said. “We also have over 30 employees trained in fielding and testing procedures, allowing us to field assets to units.”