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What's Happening

at Letterkenny Army Depot



ARMY DEPOT PRESERVES ARMY HISTORY

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A select group of skilled artisans from the Process Support Division at Letterkenny Army Depot contributed to preserving a piece of Army history in collaboration with the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, located in Carlisle.

In the fall of 2021, an M109 Howitzer and a Bradley Fighting Vehicle arrived at the depot in desperate need of paint restoration. Over the next several months, artisans within PSD meticulously sanded, prepped and painted the two assets with historical accuracy to restore them to their former glory.

On May 23, the assets traveled from Letterkenny to U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, where they are on display to the general public at the center's Heritage Trail.

"The Process Support Division within Letterkenny Army Depot is extremely honored and proud of the opportunity to work with the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center," said Jeff Barnhart, the chief of PSD. "Not only are we supporting the mission and story that U.S. AHEC captures, but we're also able to showcase the talent of our employees here in PSD."

This project was the first of its kind for the division, whose efforts typically support the depot's reset and recapitalization mission.



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"It's really satisfying to see what these assets looked like when they came in and what the final product looks like," said Daniel Bowman, a sander and prepper within PSD. "Just seeing the transformation; it's just awesome."

The team embraced the historical significance of their preservation and restoration mission.

"It's a piece of history," Bowman said. "It's awesome to see the mechanics of the Howitzer and how things operate."

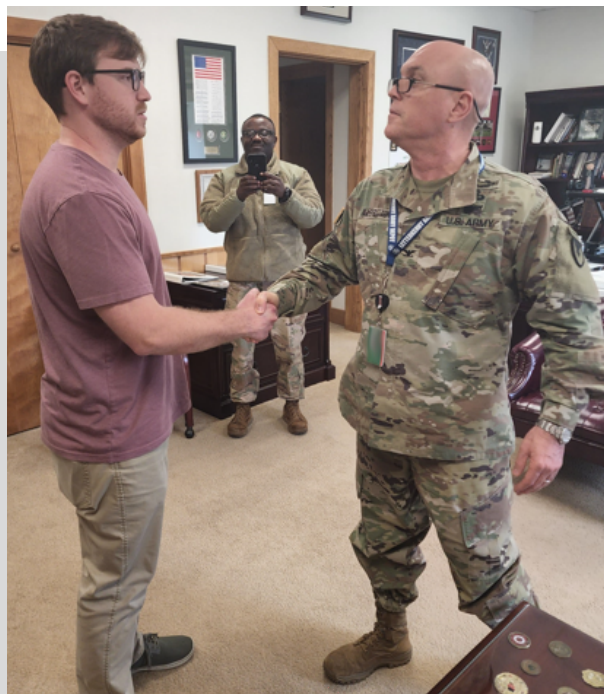
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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: JORDAN DEWALT

Jordan Dewalt is a program analyst for the Avenger Program Management Team. Jordan manages the Avenger investments with distinction, honor, and commitment to the Army. His dedication to duty proved to be paramount throughout the production of United States Avenger and Sentinel Weapon Systems. His actions greatly enhance Letterkenny's ability to support the Army's deterrence posture and improve the readiness and responsiveness of our forces.

Through the reclamation of Avenger assets, Jordan's contributions generated a saving for Short & Intermediate Effectors for Layered Defense while generating millions of dollars in recovered assets for the program. These reclaimed materials are crucial to future Avenger projects.

Jordan has a mysterious ability to complete tasks when the list of tasks appears to be overwhelming. He consistently goes above and beyond to support the Avenger mission at the depot.



A Message from the Commander

First and foremost, thank you for what you do each and every day here at Letterkenny Army Depot. The other day I had the distinct opportunity to visit a group of outstanding Americans that are vital contributors to our success. The reason for my visit was not because a Director called and asked me to do so or me looking for another reason to get out of my office and hang out with our phenomenal employees. My visit was answering a request from an employee who reached out to his leadership, asking for his peers, as well as the supervisor, to be recognized for their outstanding efforts. This awesome employee demonstrated what I have been championing all along: everyone has a voice on our depot, and anyone can recognize a fellow employee for their outstanding performance.

So, I was extremely honored to visit the team and thank them for what they do. I thought it would be fitting that the person who reached out to us was the one to present the team with their certificate of appreciation - not only for their outstanding work but for consistently banning together as a team to accomplish a difficult task. After the presentation, I awarded the individual who made the request a Letterkenny Commander's coin for excellence. Outstanding Teamwork! Thank you for what you do every day at the depot!



MEET THE TEAM

LEAD INTERNS

On May 9, Letterkenny onboarded the main group of interns for this year's program.

The internship program at Letterkenny sources skilled, innovative and creative individuals to join the team and obtain real-world experience in their respective fields.

Students come to Letterkenny from multiple colleges and universities and are placed in various directorates across the depot.

Through close coordination with the directorates, Virgilio Arcega, the depot's talent management specialist, developed and executed a recruiting campaign plan which sought to bring in new talent to the workforce. Starting in September 2021, Arcega met with prospective interns to discuss the benefits of Letterkenny's internship program. Arcega and his team leveraged college career fairs to share information with interested students.

"The students have shown a lot of interest in Letterkenny," Arcega said. "It's been really beneficial for us to physically attend these career fairs to help them understand what Letterkenny does and what opportunities are available to them."

Not only does the internship program provide Letterkenny with talented students, but the benefits extend to the students in their professional development as well.

"Immediately, interns gain hands-on experience in their field," Arcega said. "As a Letterkenny intern, you're going to be doing things here that you'll do in the real world. From leadership, to communication, to project management - all of these things students will be able to add to their resumes once they complete their internship."



The latest group of interns come to Letterkenny from five different local colleges.

During their onboarding session, they had the opportunity to meet with Col. Ricky Allbritton, depot commander, and Sgt. Maj. Ekondua Amoke, depot sergeant major, to learn more about the depot, and leadership.



The interns also had the opportunity to meet with some current interns to learn more about the program. The internship program will afford these students the opportunity to capitalize on their professional development over the coming months.