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What's Happening

at Letterkenny Army Depot



ARMY DEPOT COMMEMORATES ADDITION OF NEW CAPABILITY

By Dorie Heyer

Col. Ricky L. Allbritton, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, and the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the transfer of the Heliborne Laser Fire and Forget, also known as Hellfire, missile and Joint Air to Ground Missile, JAGM, program to Letterkenny Army Depot Oct. 20.

Members from the Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions Program Office, TAGM, joined Letterkenny employees to mark the Hellfire/JAGM mission transition from a contractor-operated facility to Letterkenny Army Depot.

Letterkenny was designated the Center for Technical Excellence for the Hellfire/JAGM missile workload program June 10, 2021, and later designated as the Depot Source of Repair for the program. The transition began Aug. 25 and expands the capabilities within the Organic Industrial Base.

Director of the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness, David Pine, provided the opening remarks for the ceremony, highlighting the impact collaboration and proper planning had on the initiative.



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"The partnership between Letterkenny and TAGM will not only benefit the U.S. Army, but the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and our Foreign Military Sales allies as well," Pine said. "This effort did not happen overnight and has been the result of many individuals and organizations working together with persistence and patience. I want to express my appreciation to the TAGM team for advocating for the depot and seeing the value in the Organic Industrial Base."

Pine explained the process that led to Letterkenny's acquisition of the Hellfire/JAGM program, stating that in 2017, the Directorate of Missile Readiness made an inquiry to be included for consideration for the workload.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

LESTER HAMMOND & SHEENA WILEMAN

Lester Hammond and Sheena Wileman were recently selected as LEAD Employees of the Quarter for the 4th quarter, FY22.

Mr. Lester (Chuck) Hammond is a material examiner identifier in the Directorate of Supply and Transportation. Mr. Hammond's dedication to the mission is shown daily by his unrivaled work ethic, knowledge, production and professionalism. "It means a lot to me to be selected and recognized because sometimes you think no one sees all the hard work you do," he remarked. "I attribute this accomplishment to hard work and teamwork."

Ms. Sheena Wileman serves as an electronics technician in the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness and is the recorder for DMAR's Safety Committee. Ms. Wileman has been instrumental in helping prepare for the recent AS 9100/9110 audit. Through her actions, DMAR successfully completed the audit. "It is my goal to make myself, my supervisors and the commander here at LEAD proud, and I know that I can do that by working hard with my team to make DMAR the best of the best," she said.



A Message from the Commander

Team,

To say thank you for everything you do every day at the depot would never do enough justice or repay you for the sacrifices each of you has made.

You might not know that Letterkenny Army Depot is now one of the top six finalists (out of 92) in the entire Department of Defense identified as a potential winner for the DoD maintenance innovation challenge (award) for our work with cold spray.

LEAD has leveraged cold spray to combat the impacts of corrosion for HIMARS, among other programs, which has saved customers millions of dollars this year alone. Ms. Ashley Filling will represent LEAD as one of the finalists at the DoD maintenance innovation symposium in mid-December. I am sure that Ashley will bring home the gold for Team Letterkenny!

Thank you for what you do.
COL Rick Allbritton



MEET THE TEAM

LEAD Chaplain CPT Fornah

Capt. Bai Fornah joins the Letterkenny team as the depot chaplain. A native of Sierra Leone, West Africa, Fornah was adopted by a Peace Corps officer and came to the United States where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Christian counseling with a minor in pastoral studies from New Hope Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. Fornah went on to complete a Master of Divinity degree focusing on military chaplaincy at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Fornah brings over a decade of experience working with the Department of Mental Health and a desire to give back.

"When I came to this country after the war in Africa, I was suffering from trauma and PTSD," Fornah shared. "I received your support, and when I thought about it, I decided I needed to join the Army. I needed to give back what you gave me."

Fornah offers multiple services to employees at Letterkenny Army Depot. Some of these services include grief counseling, suicide prevention services, environmental health counseling, family therapy and career counseling.

Fornah will be on-call and available to depot employees no matter the time of day.

"I'm here for you 24 hours a day; I'm always available to talk to you," Fornah said. "I know this might not be much, but I want the employees at Letterkenny to allow me to serve them as a form of saying, 'Thank you.'"

