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LETTERKENNY HONORS ITS VETERAN WORKFORCE!

Whether it was as an active duty Service member or a Reservist, you proudly served in locations such as Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, Europe, and North America. You unselfishly supported humanitarian missions throughout the world.

You continue to serve as a veteran or Reservist in the civilian workforce at the Depot with a mission dedicated to delivering superior maintenance, manufacturing, logistics life cycle support and service worldwide to the Joint Warfighter and our International Partners.

We salute you, one and all, for your sacrifices and those of your families.

Enjoy this 3rd edition of a special tribute to you, the Soldier, the Airman, the Seaman, the Marine and the Coast Guardsman.



JOSEPH SHINES

NAME

Joe Shines

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Logistics Management Specialist, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD

As a logistician and former military member, I am not only helping to support our Warfighters but, I'm also able to support the "workforce" that manufactures and fabricates the things which support our warfighters. I am also able contribute ideas to improve equipment design that could make a difference to our military personnel while on the battle field.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Marine Corps: 1980-2002, SSGT
1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Cal.
HQ's Company, 3rd Marine Division, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan
5th Battalion 14th Marines, Artillery Battery, Spokane, WA (Reserve)
HQ's Battalion, III MEF, Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan

1st Battalion Landing Team, Camp Unchon-ni, South Korea
31st MEU, USS Belleau Wood (LHA-3), East Asia
Merchant Vessel (MV) Cape Edmont, Military Sealift Command, SWA
Merchant Vessel ((MV) Jack Lummus, Military Sealift Command, SWA
Marine Aircraft Group 42, Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA
Inspector-Instructor Staff, Naval Station, Seattle, WA
Inspector-Instructor Staff, 4th Landing Support Battalion, 4th FSSG, Fort Lewis, WA
Combat Service Support Detachment 36, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

DEPLOYMENTS

1982: West Pac (Asia)
1991: Phase II, Operation Desert Storm/Shield.
1995: West Pac (Asia)

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

I've worked outside the federal workforce for nearly two years after my first enlistment and found that there's no better place to serve my country and to continue my career. I'm grateful to have the pleasure of working around our service men and women as well as our civilian employees who also love their jobs and hold themselves to higher standards and carry themselves as professionals. I believe that our military and civilian workforces continue to set the pace in the world with cultural values as well as innovation and technology. This is something our military and Federal workforce continues to do every day when we are on or off duty. I am very fortunate and proud to be serving with the best in the world.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS

My first day in boot camp when I woke up to my drill instructor's voice and my last day in the military when I woke up and **did not** need to put on a uniform. But, most of all, traveling to foreign places and meeting people from around the world. Wow, how time goes by so quickly!

SEMPER-FI!



NAME

Taylor D. Nelson-Savinsky

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Administrative Assistant, Process Support Division,
Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT LEAD JOB

Letterkenny is a major process in supporting troops all over, and I take pride knowing that I can be a part of that process.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army: 2010-2013: Specialist, Chaplain's Assistant

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

The top three would be: 1) meeting and having lunch with the USAREUR Lt. General Hertling; 2) winning a Soldier of the month board while being eight months pregnant, the lowest ranking, and The only female; and 3) and when I qualified with an M-9 when I didn't even have to but my commander had to and I had to help her out.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE AS A CIVILIAN

My Grandfather was in the Army, my father was in the Army, I was in the Army, and I will ALWAYS find a way to support the Army and the military in general. I feel as if it runs in my blood, and my heart is full of pride. Anything I can do whether it be working at LEAD, sending care packages, giving to the WWP, giving \$10 to the vet on the street, or just simply being there, I'll do it.



**TAYLOR
NELSON-SAVINSKY**



**THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
SERVICE**



THE SOLDIER'S CREED



I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.
I AM A WARRIOR AND A MEMBER OF A TEAM. I SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND LIVE THE ARMY VALUES.
I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE MISSION FIRST.
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT.
I WILL NEVER QUIT.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE A FALLEN COMRADE.
I AM DISCIPLINED, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY TOUGH, TRAINED AND PROFICIENT IN MY WARRIOR TASKS AND DRILLS.
I ALWAYS MAINTAIN MY ARMS, MY EQUIPMENT AND MYSELF.
I AM AN EXPERT AND I AM A PROFESSIONAL.
I STAND READY TO DEPLOY, ENGAGE, AND DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CLOSE COMBAT.
I AM A GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.
I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.



FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF RISK MANAGEMENT (LEFT TO RIGHT)

SGT. SHANNON SNIDER

U.S. ARMY: FEB 1989 - FEB 1997; MAR 1998 - JUN 2006

OFFICER JOHN WORTHMAN

U.S. MARINES: JUN 1981 -SEP 1987;

U.S. ARMY: SEP 2006 - PRESENT



LT. LEONARD RUNK

U.S. ARMY

SGT. SCOTT MCCURLEY

U.S. ARMY: 2002-2007



FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF RISK MANAGEMENT (LEFT TO RIGHT)

OFFICER TROY BINGAMAN
U.S. ARMY: 1998- PRESENT



OFFICER RICARDO COLIN
U.S. ARMY: AUG 2003 - MAR 2008;
NOV 2011 - PRESENT

SGT. AMBER SZABO-WATSON
U.S. ARMY: -PRESENT

OFFICER THOMAS SHREINER
U.S. ARMY: 1993-1997; 1998- 2001; 2009-2012

OFFICER PATRICK RANSOM
U.S. MARINE CORPS: JUL 1980 - JAN 2004



OFFICER CRAIG OWENS
U.S. ARMY: DEC 1985 - JUN 2008



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!



**FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF RISK MANAGEMENT
(LEFT TO RIGHT)**

**SGT. JOSEPH MERCHANT
U.S. ARMY: 2003-2013**

**OFFICER JEREMY GATES
U.S. ARMY: 1998-2007**

**OFFICER JEFFERY LINGLE
U.S. ARMY: 1974-1979**

**OFFICER GREG RITCHIE
U.S. ARMY: 2001-2011**



NAME

Douglas Deimler

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

IT Specialist (Network) Integration Division, Directorate of Information Management, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LETTERKENNY

The best part of working in my current position is the people and the pride in their workmanship.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army (active duty): 1996-2001
 U.S. Army Reserves: 2001-present
 Commissioned 8 Oct 09: Captain, Signal Officer,
 335th Signal Command, East Point, GA

DEPLOYMENTS

upcoming deployment - Afghanistan
 Feb –Jul 2003: Iraq

Overseas service:
 1999-2000: Korea
 1997: Egypt (Operation Bright Star '97)

**DOUGLAS DEIMLER****MOST MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

After serving on active duty in D.C. for over five years, I completed my bachelor's degree and was selected for my commission. LTG Hernandez conducted my commissioning ceremony in the Pentagon with my daughters pinning my rank onto my uniform.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE AS A CIVILIAN

I can continue to support the military when not wearing the uniform.

There are not words big enough.
 There is not a hug strong enough.
 There is not a smile wide enough.
 All I can offer is thank you.
 You are my hero.
 You are in my thoughts.
 You are in my prayers.
 For all you've done, thank you.



NAME

Dan Gravning

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Mechanical Engineer
Production Engineering Division (PED)
Directorate of Operations Planning and Support (DOPS)
Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART OF CURRENT JOB AT LEAD

Knowing that I am serving the Warfighter with confidence that they are getting the finest quality equipment to support their mission.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army—Power Generation Equipment Repairer
MOS – 52D (Generator Mechanic)
1983 – 1986 (Fort Riley, Kansas; Camp Casey Korea)
1987 – 1989 (Fort Lewis, Washington; Karlsruhe, Germany)

DEPLOYMENTS

1985-1986: A Company, 2nd Aviation Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea,
1988-1989: 541st Maintenance Company, Karlsruhe, Germany

MOST MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

The 2nd Aviation Battalion Commander in Korea encouraged everyone to get as much experience riding on the Utility helicopters under his command and called it good training. HQ Company had the OH-58 KIO Scouts, A Company had UH-60 Blackhawks, B Company had UH-1 Huey's, and C Company had AH-1 Cobras. My first ride on a Blackhawk was piloted by a CW4 who started flying Huey's in Vietnam in 1965. Like me, this was the pilots first ride on a Blackhawk but I felt safe with his flying experience...until he said "let's see what this baby will do..." and started wiggling all over the sky! The ride was fun but scary at times and fortunately, we made it home safe. I rode several other missions on the other Utility Helicopters every chance I got.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

My father served in Korea, retired from the Air Force, became an Air Force Reservist, and a civilian employee to continue his career as a C130 Spectra Gunship Crew Chief. Like him, I enjoy providing my part to national security and protection for this great country.

Once a Soldier, always a Soldier!



DAN GRAVNING



NAME

Larry Roadcap, Jr.

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Logistics Management Specialist, Directorate of Operations
 Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot.

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT
 JOB AT LEAD**

The people.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army, 1981-1992 (82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC)
 U.S. Army (PAARNG), (1992-2005) (28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, PA)
 Retired Reserves: 2005-2008
 U.S. Army Reserves: 2008-Present, USAR Sustainment Command Detachment 4,
 Letterkenny Army Depot. Current Rank and Assignment, MSG, Force Protection
 Operations NCO.



**LARRY
 ROADCAP, JR.**

DEPLOYMENTS

1982: Grenada
 1990-1991: Desert Shield/Storm
 2003-2005: Iraq
 2010-2012: Afghanistan
 2014: HHC 200th MP Command, Ft. Meade, MD



MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

I was the First Sergeant of "B" Battery 1/107th FA (Paladin) 28th Infantry Division, PA National Guard, and we were sent to Iraq for OIF as In-Lieu MP's. At the time I was the only individual out of 125 in the unit who had seen any type of combat action prior to this deployment. When we returned, my unit was deactivated and I was placed into the retire reserves and many of the Soldiers were transferred to other units and deployed again. In 2014, I received an invitation to attend a reunion in Pittsburgh where the unit was originally located. Approximately 80 of those Soldiers who deployed with the unit and their families showed up for the reunion. The highlight of that night was listening to those young Soldiers tell stories of how I made a difference in their lives. Over 34 years of service and to hear that you actually made a difference in someone's life was a very humbling experience and something I will cherish for the rest of my life.

REASON FOR SERVING

I love this country!





EDMOND TESSIER

NAME

Edmond J. Tessier

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Quality Assurance Specialist, Directorate of Product Assurance, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LETTERKENNY

The best part of my job working at LEAD and for the Army is the professionalism everyone brings to the table. I've attended formal Army Quality Assurance School house at Red River Army Depot at Texarkana TX. My job allows me some of the most diverse interaction with everyone from the Commander and Directors down to the shop floor level. This depot is all about a quality product for the soldier and I'm everywhere ensuring that happens.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Air Force: 38 years of service, rank at retirement-MSgt E-7 as a Nav/Comm Technician

DEPLOYMENTS:

2003-2005: Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom
 1998: Operation Provide Comfort Bosnia
 1991-2000: Operation Coronet Oak

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

Enjoying working at Letterkenny is supporting the Soldier in the field, because I was that person on the flight line.

