



KENNY LETTER



VOL. 54, NO. 4

A publication for the greater Letterkenny Army Depot community

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

November 2015

SPECIAL EDITION #4

LETTERKENNY HONORS ITS MILITARY WORKFORCE!



Veterans and active duty reservists/guardsmen comprise 42% of Letterkenny's workforce population. Some proudly served during the Vietnam War, the Middle East conflicts and on relief missions throughout the world. Many completed their active duty tours; others continue their service on weekends and for several weeks throughout the year.

We salute you, one and all, for your sacrifices and those of your families. Enjoy this special tribute to you, the Soldier, the Airman, the Seaman, and the Marine.

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Command Judge Advocate, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

The best part of my job is to be working in ethics, contract and labor law. Because of the Depot's unique mission, this is valuable experience that I will not get anywhere else.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army
1992-2006

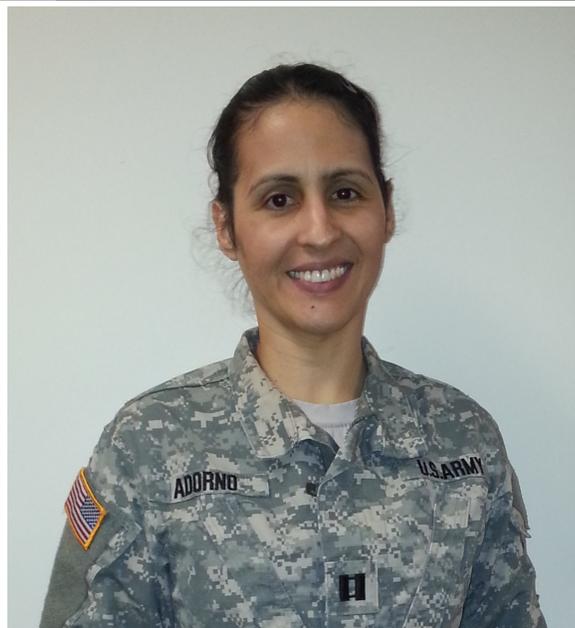


MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Junior ROTC experience at Fort Polk, Louisiana

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

The opportunity to practice different areas of law because for me that is really important and rewarding.



YASMIN ADORNO

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Chief, Theater Missile Systems Division, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

The people I work with, what they do, what they are capable of, and the direct impact they have on our Nation's and Allies's Defense.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army
1994-2004
Infantry and Air Defense

DEPLOYMENTS

Cuba 1995
Haiti 1996
Egypt 1999
Korea 2000



JIM WOOLF



WITH DAUGHTER MADELYN

MOST MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Jumping out of planes and helicopters

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Because it's an ALWAYS adventurous, excellent job that empowers and allows me direct influence on programs that protect our Nation.





BOBIE JO BURKETT

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Contract Specialist, Directorate of Contracting, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Supporting the Warfighter—being able to engage in the supplies and services that support the Warfighter—the continuous effort of serving my country. HOOAH!

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army
1994-2002
Communications



DEPLOYMENT

1995-1996 Saudi Arabia

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

All of it! It was an honor serving my country and it still is!

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

‘Once a Soldier, always a Soldier!’ It is the pride of supporting the Warfighter that keeps me serving.

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Electronics Measurement Equipment Mechanic, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Serving the Army

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Navy
1990-2010
Radar Communications, Test Equipment Electronics Technician



MICHAEL MCCARTAN

DEPLOYMENTS

1992-1993 Mediterranean/Adriatic Operation Deny Flight
2000-2004 Counter Drug Operations/Unitas South America
2009 JPAC/MIA personnel recovery operation from Vietnam War

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

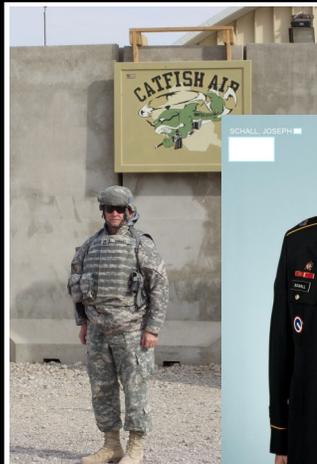
Recovering missing in action Soldiers’ remains and returning them to relatives



REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE

Patriotism

JOSEPH SCHALL



CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

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

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Working to provide the Warfighter with the best available and updated equipment possible

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army Reserves
1974-2013, Mechanic Maintenance Supervisor;
Electronics Maintenance Chief

DEPLOYMENTS

2004-2005 Iraq
2007-2008

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Leghorn Army Depot, Vicenza, Italy (1993): I was the 1SG of a General Support Maintenance Company. One of the first things the Commander told us was to take advantage of the down time on weekends and experience the local culture. That was on a Monday. By Thursday we were tasked to provide a 50-Soldier detail for the weekend to move and stage equipment. When I told the XO/Acting Commander (a Lieutenant), he reminded me that the Commander said we were to enjoy our weekends. I concurred and continued with the new mission.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Sharing my maintenance experience with my co-workers at the Depot.

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Electronics Integrated Systems Supervisor, Systems Test Branch, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Working with the individuals supporting the Warfighter, ensuring that they have the best equipment possible

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army (active duty)
2000-2004
PATRIOT Launcher Crew Member

PA National Guard
2014-current
Cavalry Scout (Reconnaissance/STRYKER Crew Chief/.50 cal Gunner)

DEPLOYMENTS

2001-2002 Operation Enduring Freedom, Saudi Arabia
2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom- Kuwait/Iraq

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Serving in real world deployments with some of the best people I've ever met

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Gained hands on experience with the PATRIOT system on active duty and wanted to continue in the civilian workforce



KEVIN SWOPE

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Leader at Hellfire/SMAW/WCMD,
 Directorate of Industrial Operations,
 Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Continuing my service to my country
 and providing the best we can for the Warfighter

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Marine Corps
 2002-2006

DEPLOYMENTS

2004 Operation Iraqi Freedom/Sunni Triangle
 2007-2008 Baghdad, Iraq

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Coming home from Iraq to see our families celebrating our return. My wife gave birth to our first son shortly after I got home.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Civilian life is never as exciting as military life, but it feels good to be in an environment where I can continue to provide for our Soldiers.



MIKE GREGORY



NATASHA HOYLE

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and Personnel Force Innovation (PFI) Coordinator, Command Group, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

The best part of my job working at LEAD is meeting new people

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army (active duty)
 1995-1998, 2003-2009

U.S. Army (Reserves)
 1998-2003

U.S. Army (PFI at Letterkenny Army Depot)
 2009-2010, 2011-present



DEPLOYMENTS

2010-2011 Afghanistan

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Attending a Ramp ceremony in Afghanistan. Even in a deployed combat environment, a precision military ceremony was still held, and it is honestly one of the most moving things I have ever witnessed.

CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Commodity Manager, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Seeing totally broken weapon systems returned to the warfighter in pristine shape. Reminds me of the burnt carcasses from Iraq that we hauled down to the bone yard...



MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army
1980-2006
missile firing jobs, logistics

KATHLEEN (KATHY) SILVIA

DEPLOYMENTS

1988 Panama
2004 Iraq/Kuwait

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

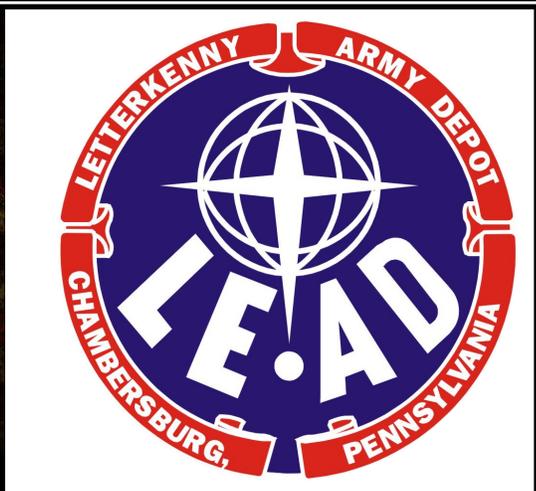
Live firing of missiles in Crete. Eating breakfast in Crete: frosted flakes with goats milk.... Definitely "memorable" ...

Not so memorable... was the moment the Panamanian Defense Force (PDF) Soldiers threatened to put me in jail. Another not so memorable event was being in a vehicle with a group of Army Officers when the PDF barricaded all roads and impeded our progress. We were all unarmed and off duty at the time.



REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Keep folks at home and in the Nation safe. That is all the reason I need to serve.



CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

I.T. Specialist, Systems Division, Directorate of Information Management (DOIM), Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Teamwork that makes a real difference

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Navy
1974-1993
Missile Technician First Class
Submarines/Surface Warfare



ART BARNETT

DEPLOYMENTS

USS Holland (AS-32)
USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624B)
USS Hunley (AS-31)
Polaris Missile Facility Atlantic (POMFLANT)
Naval Ordnance Test Unit Cape Canaveral Florida



MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Naval Ordnance Test Unit Instrumentation and Telemetry Launch crew for first D-5 Trident II missile from USS Tennessee

START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) verification team photographer while at POMFLANT

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Most of the personnel in DOIM are former military and understand the mindset. I enjoyed the military life and the camaraderie. This continues at LEAD's Information Management Directorate.



CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Contract Specialist, Directorate of Contracting, Letterkenny Army Depot

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

The best part of my job has to be the great cooks in our office. I enjoy the support my customers give me and knowing that my hard work does not go unnoticed.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army
1998-2005
Sergeant, Food Service Specialist

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Meeting the WWE wrestlers at our dining facility and getting a picture with Stacy Keibler and Torrie Wilson as they were visiting soldiers.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

Knowing that I am supporting and helping those soldiers I have worked beside in the past along with all the other soldiers.



JEN ELLIOTT



CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Paint Branch Leader, Process Support Division, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot



RODNEY ARMSTRONG

BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB

Being with the people here at Letterkenny. They are what makes things happen, and it is good to be a part of it. I'm blessed to be working with a great team of people.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Marine Corps
1989-1993
Motor Transport Operator



DEPLOYMENTS

1992-1993: Okinawa, Japan

MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

As a motor vehicle operator at Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, DC, I transported Congressmen, Senators, Generals, Admirals, and guests of the President, as well as Foreign Military Dignitaries. I transported the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps as well as being the driver the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE IN YOUR CIVILIAN LIFE

It just feels good to continue to support the Warfighter even though I'm not enlisted anymore.