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NEWS NOTES

Outreach program hosts potluck

A potluck dinner is scheduled for Jan. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the chapel. The event is sponsored by the Tobyhanna Army Depot Survivor Outreach Services. Families who have lost a service member are welcome to attend. To reserve a seat, call Debbie Ward, 570-301-7941 or 570-615-8374. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. Beverages will be provided.

Post Office to increase first class postage

The United States Postal Service will increase the price of first class postage from 44 to 45 cents effective Jan. 22. The cost of a postcard will also increase from 29 to 32 cents. In addition, the price for sending letters to Canada or Mexico will increase from 80 to 85 cents and from 98 cents to \$1.05 for other international destinations. More information about these and other increases can be found on the Post Office Web site at www.usps.com.

Advisor board meets quarterly

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Parent Advisory Board meets quarterly to give parents the opportunity to provide input into the Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) program operations. Anyone who has a child enrolled in the depot CYSS programs can participate in the meeting. For more information, call Jennifer Williams, X58113, or Anne Wombacker, X56148. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Post Exchange offers dry cleaning services

Employees can bring their dry cleaning and clothing that needs tailoring to the Post Exchange. Dry cleaning service includes ties, pants, dresses, dress uniforms, jackets, blouses and shirts. Tailoring services include seam repair, new zipper and elastic installation, hem and waist adjustments, and dress shortening. Scheduled times are Tuesday and Friday noon for drop off and 2 p.m. for pick up. Customers can drop off clothes anytime Tuesday through Saturday during Post Exchange hours. For details, call 570-615-7030.

Do not copy federal ID badges

Personnel are reminded that photocopying federal identification items such as common access cards (CACs) is a violation of Title 18, Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701, and punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and CACs by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service have been reported.

Commercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government identification. If an

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Ryan Armezzani, an electronics mechanic, verifies operation of the Plan Position Indicator of an AN/TPS-63B Medium Range Surveillance Radar. The mock up will be used to test TPS-63B components. Armezzani works in the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

New Marine Corps radar mission begins

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Even the toughest Marine needs top-notch equipment and support to carry the fight to the enemy. Tobyhanna Army Depot now provides more of that support. Technicians have begun supporting two Marine Corps surveillance radars.

The support, for the AN/TPS-59 (V) 3 Long Range Surveillance Radar and the AN/TPS-63B Medium Range Surveillance Radar, is in addition to the AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder support mission which began last year.

The TPS-59(V)3 provides coverage for all air traffic as well as tactical ballistic missiles in the area and, at 30 feet tall, is the largest radar system in the Marine Corps. The mobile radar supports anti-air warfare operations, enroute traffic control to a distance of about 300 nautical miles and theater missile surveillance to about 400 nautical miles.

The AN/TPS-63B radar automatically detects aircraft in heavy ground clutter, heavy rainfall and electronic interference. The mobile radar provides air surveillance in three selectable ranges of 80, 120 and 160 nautical miles with a time-shared display of radar and Identification Friend or Foe data.

"We will repair and test all the RF (radio frequency) equipment, including transmitters and receivers, and power supplies," said Electronics Engineer Rick Bekanich of the Production Engineering Directorate. "Tobyhanna will also

repair mechanical components as well, such as motors, gearboxes, antennas and antenna drives."

One of each system is here now and once they are repaired, they will be tested at the depot's new radome and tower facilities on Powder Smoke Ridge. Bekanich said the depot will repair and test two TPS-59s and three TPS-63s per year.

"We will also repair and test what are called 'secondary depot repairables,'" said Ed Panner, an electronic integrated systems mechanic in the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. "Those are radar components, but not entire radars."

Four technicians spent months at Maintenance Center Barstow (MCB) at Barstow, Calif., for on-the-job training on the systems and trained other technicians when they returned. Panner noted that the new mission is not difficult for technicians, but establishing processes has proved challenging.

"Everything has to be First Article," he said, referring to the process by which depot personnel show customers that they can repair a system or component correctly, called First Article Testing.

"We've also ordered new test, measurement and diagnostic equipment, and the Engineering Lab made test fixtures," he added. A hot mockup, a working system used for testing, will be used to assist in troubleshooting AN/TPS-63B system and components.

Once systems are tested, Tobyhanna personnel will provide fielding support for Marine Corps units.

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Embrace forgiveness and move forward

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

"Be kind, be tender-hearted and be forgiving toward one another, as God has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Can you think of anything that you would like to do differently in 2012? Is there anything in your life that you need to 'let go of' this year?

A few days ago I read something that got my attention and I'd like to share it with you. Katherine M. Piderman, Ph.D., staff chaplain at Mayo Clinic said, "When someone you care about hurts you, you can hold on to anger, resentment and thoughts of revenge or you can embrace forgiveness and move forward.

What do you think about that? Is that true or not?

This is not talking about 'forgiving and forgetting'. What this is talking about is the importance of being the kind of person who chooses to be forgiving.

When we choose not to forgive and hold on to bitterness, it causes problems in our marriages, our families and in our day-to-day relationships.

As we begin a new year, I'd like to challenge you to consider the benefits of embracing forgiveness and moving forward. If you will do this, I think that it will make a difference in your life and you will be thankful that you accepted the challenge.



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establishment insists on a photocopy of identification, it is recommended that Defense Department personnel provide a state driver's license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied.

This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc.) who are allowed to make a copy for filing insurance claims, and other government agencies in the performance of official government duties.

Vehicle decals becoming obsolete

The identification decals employees have been placing on the windshields of their vehicles are no longer required for Tobyhanna Army Depot. In accordance with this, employees no longer have to register their vehicles with the Security Division.

However, other installations may still require them. Employees are asked to leave them on until they expire, then remove and destroy them upon expiration, or if retiring or otherwise leaving employment here. The destroyed decals do not have to be returned to the Security Division.

For further information, call the Security Division, X57550.

Correction

An article published in the Dec. 6 issue of the Reporter incorrectly states Brian Rawhouser was the first depot employee to earn a Black Belt. The Reporter staff has learned of at least two recipients of the award prior to Rawhouser: Jennifer Godusky, an industrial engineer in the Process Improvement and Innovation Directorate's Process Engineering Division and James Bochicchio, an industrial engineer in the LOGSA Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center.

The level of certification Godusky and Bochicchio earned differs from the level achieved by Rawhouser. They earned certification while the program was managed by Army Materiel Command and certifications were prescribed by the Athon Group. Today, the Black Belt programs and certificates are issued by the Department of the Army (DA).

Although Rawhouser was not the first depot employee to earn a Black Belt, he became the first depot employee to earn certification from DA.



Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, AMC commanding general, spoke about BRAC among other topics during a session at AUSA Winter Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "One out of six of my employees are affected by BRAC," Dunwoody said. (Photo by Cherish Washington, AMC Public Affairs)

Meeting demands of changing Army

by Kari Hawkins
USAG Redstone

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Gen. Ann Dunwoody is beginning the year with a strong sense of pride.

As she reviews the accomplishments of the Army Materiel Command and its 69,000 employees, as she thinks about the demands put on the organization during its support of ten years of war and the massive move of its headquarters to Redstone Arsenal, as she discusses how the command will stay effective in the wake of budget cuts, Dunwoody knows that AMC has already been tested and proven itself more than worthy to meet the demands of a changing Army.

Like many who have planned, prepared, strategized and invested in the nation's military success in theater, Dunwoody watched video and news reports with much interest of the flag-lowering ceremony at Iraq's Baghdad International Airport, where Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Army Gen. Lloyd Austin, the top commander of U.S. military in Iraq, declared the war in Iraq as officially over, Dec. 15.

"When I watched the small ceremony, I had a sense of pride. I am very proud knowing this organization's contribution to this historical moment," Dunwoody said.

"There were over 120,000 deployed military civilians and contractors at the high water point to help facilitate this. It's a great sense of pride that I feel about our entire work force."

Yet, she knows that with the end of the war in Iraq, the military will become a target for cutbacks that could run deep.

One of the challenges ringing in with 2012 involves further transitioning, supporting and eventually bringing an end to the war in Afghanistan, which is a much different environment than Iraq.

"It is a land-locked country with only 2 percent of its roads paved and with mountain terrain reaching more than 20,000 feet. For a logistician, it is a Ph.D. level exercise to get people and equipment out after a decade of war," Dunwoody said.

In addition, AMC continues to provide support to Army field support brigades and combat support brigades in Afghanistan.

The other major challenge of 2012 and beyond is managing a sharp decline in budget resources.

"We don't want a hollow Army, a Task Force Smith situation (a reference to the first Army ground maneuver unit that entered combat with North Korea without an adequate level of equipment or training to win the mission). We don't want men and women not trained, equipped, ready or prepared to do the nation's bidding," Dunwoody said.

The year will also bring the implementation of the command's Bold Ideas campaign, where employees are encouraged to submit ideas that will lead to more efficiency and effectiveness.

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CFC meets goal, looks ahead

by Justin Eimers
Editorial Assistant

Employees raised more than \$260,000 during the Tobyhanna Army Depot 2011 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), all of which will go to local, national and international agencies.

The six-week program included a telethon, bake sale and basket raffle. CFC chairperson Lori Martin and co-chair Beverly Foster said the events were a “tremendous” success thanks to the support of everyone involved. The annual fund drive ended Nov. 15.

“We would not have reached our goal without the support of the depot,” said Foster. “The workforce really helped make everything possible and I think they had a lot of fun too.”

The telethon, which took place on Oct. 6, was the depot’s first CFC telethon. The event raised \$135,089 for charitable causes. Employees who pledged a donation during the telethon received a thank you gift and a coupon for a free luncheon buffet held on Oct. 20. The telethon replaced the sale of hoagies and spaghetti dinners that were offered in previous campaigns.

Even though the telethon was a success, both Martin and Foster agree that future CFCs will see change.

“The event raised awareness, which is one of our main goals,” said Martin. “In the future, we would like to conduct

it later in the campaign. That way it will build anticipation for the ‘big finish.’”

Martin also attributed much of the success of CFC to the Command Group, Information Management Directorate, the key people that contacted personnel within each cost center, Brad Jones and Lynwood Turlington. Jones is the director of the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate and Turlington is chief of the Business Management Directorate’s Technical Development Division.

“There were many people that played a role in this campaign, all of which were important,” said Martin. “There were so many volunteers for the collection areas that we had to make a rotation. The turnout was a really good sign for future CFC efforts.”

Foster says the campaign was a challenging, but rewarding experience. “There were a lot of things we learned throughout the process, but we never came across any serious issues,” she said. “Now that we know what works and what doesn’t, we’re eagerly looking forward to the next CFC.”

To get involved with CFC as a volunteer or to submit ideas or suggestions, contact a chairperson.

“It’s really easy to get involved,” said Foster. “We are looking for fresh, new ideas for our next campaign.”



Children help spread holiday cheer

Ten-year-old Jaelen Kushner receives a hug from a veteran at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton. Children of the Child, Youth and School Services program went to the center on Dec. 28 to spread some holiday cheer, sing songs, and hand out thank you cards and holiday cards. They also participated in arts and crafts activities with the veterans. Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Brooks and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer also visited with the veterans. (Photo courtesy Lee Papa)

Federal employees restricted, not prohibited, from political activities

by Capt. Sean Galvin
Legal Office

A federal employee who sends a funny political e-mail from their government email account or criticizes a political candidate out on the shop floor may not seem like a big deal.

However, the employee is opening himself up for potentially serious discipline for violations of the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act is a law that was passed in 1939 that restricts the political activities of federal employees while on government property or using government property.

An employee who sends such an e-mail from their depot e-mail account (remember your work e-mail account is government property) may well violate that law.

The Hatch Act restricts federal

employees from advocating the support or opposition of any partisan candidate or cause, and does so from a government computer, in a government building or while on duty in a federal job.

This doesn’t mean that federal employees are prohibited from supporting a political candidate or cause.

They can make speeches supporting a candidate, distribute leaflets, attend fundraisers and be active members of political parties as long as none of those things are done in government buildings, using government equipment (phones, computers, etc.) or on duty time.

If you have any questions or concerns about whether a particular activity may implicate the Hatch Act or any other ethics question, contact the Legal Office, X57210.

STAY TUNED Local media announce weather delays, closures



Television stations

WNEP, Channel 16
WYOU, Channel 22
WBRE, Channel 28

AM radio stations

WAEB, 790 (Allentown)
WARM, 590 (Scranton)
WBAX, 1240 (Wilkes-Barre)
WKAP, 1470 (Allentown)
WEJL (ESPN), 630 (Scranton)
WILK, 910/980 (Pittston)
WICK, 1400 (Scranton)
WYCK, 1340 (Wilkes-Barre)

FM radio stations

WAEB, 104.1 (Allentown)
WKAB, 103.5 (Berwick)
WMGS, 92.9 (Scranton)
WKRZ, 98.5 (Pittston)
WGGY, 101.3 (Pittston)
WWDL, 105 (Scranton)
WEZX, 106.9 (Scranton)
WZZO, 95.1 (Bethlehem)
WQFM, 92.1 (Nanticoke)

Winter weather often produces hazardous conditions that may impact the depot’s operational status. Public announcements regarding depot closings or starting time delays will be provided to local television and radio stations, and recorded on a toll free information hotline. Employees are encouraged to tune in to the media outlets listed below or call 1-800-429-4496 to hear the recorded announcement.



1st ID Combat Aviation Brigade to welcome new unit, new capability

A Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft makes its way down an airfield on Camp Taji, Iraq, before a surveillance mission in the Baghdad area. F Co., “FENIX,” will become an official part of the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, in the spring, adding its capabilities to the strength of the brigade. (Photo by Sgt. Roland Hale, 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs)

Cool head nets Marine Warfighter of Quarter award

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

A Marine Corps gunnery sergeant's coolness under fire during combat in Iraq has been recognized by the Marine Corps and the Army, and earned him Tobyhanna Army Depot's Warfighter of the Quarter award.

Depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer

presented Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Klumpp of the Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, with the bronze statue honoring him as the recipient of the award for the fourth quarter of 2011. Klumpp was recognized for 12 years of distinguished service, including his deployment to Iraq in 2007-2008. The ceremony took place prior to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins

game at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Dec. 2.

The award recognizes the bond between the Tobyhanna Army Depot work force and the warfighters they support here and around the world.

Klumpp's accomplishments include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Klumpp deployed to Iraq from September 2007 to August 2008 as a communications advisor. While there, he participated in combat operations against the enemy in Basra, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of his collateral duty as a machine gunner.

According to the award justification, while providing coalition escort and support to an Iraqi battalion on March 29, 2008, his unit arrived in Basra under persistent sniper and small arms fire. Realizing that the sniper fire originated from a four story building about 500 meters away, Klumpp left his secure position and went to a two story tower to establish a greater vantage point in which to engage the sniper.

Exposing himself to the sniper multiple times, Klumpp located the sniper and returned fire, neutralizing the threat to an Iraqi battalion's defensive position. Silencing the sniper had a dramatic effect on the morale of the Iraqi soldiers and the coalition personnel inside the defensive position.

On April 10, Klumpp was inside the Combat Operations Center installing and testing equipment to ensure effective battle tracking of his brigade's current patrol. While inside, insurgent mortar fire directly impacted the center through a hole in the roof from previous attacks. The Iraqi soldiers in the center became disoriented and panicked.

Realizing that the soldiers were heading towards the exit, Klumpp took control of personnel and instructed them to remain inside the building.

Through his calm and confident demeanor, the Iraqi soldiers did as instructed, preventing additional exposure to continuing enemy fire and directly contributed to mitigating injury to those Iraqi personnel inside.

"I was surprised but honored," Klumpp said upon learning that he earned the award. Klumpp was familiar with Tobyhanna, saying the depot assists the Marines periodically with their equipment.

Klumpp's family joined him in the presentation, as well as Marine Corps Capt. Riley Ockerman and Kathleen McGuigan from GEICO.

The warfighter and his family have also received a special gift basket on behalf of GEICO, the Ronald McDonald House and Hampton of Scranton in recognition of their service and sacrifice.

"Time flies in the Corps; make the best of all situations," Klumpp advised his fellow service members.



Depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer presents Gunnery Sgt. Jason Klumpp with the Tobyhanna Army Depot Warfighter of the Quarter award on Dec. 2. Joining Klumpp are his wife Kelly and two sons Jake, 4, and Joseph, 6. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Firefighter, process specialist earn Employee of Quarter awards

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

A lead process improvement specialist described as a mentor by his coworkers and a firefighter who has taken on additional duties have been named the depot Employees of the Quarter.

David Long and Christopher Simko were named Tobyhanna's 2011 Employees of the Quarter for the fourth quarter, junior and senior categories, respectively.

Long works in the Industrial Risk Management Directorate's Fire and Emergency Services Division. Simko works in the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate's Process Improvement Division.

Long, who has been a firefighter here for more than six years, has taken on the extra duties as the Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive Hazardous Material (CBRNE/HAZMAT) specialist within the Fire Department.

"These duties entail making sure millions of dollars worth of equipment are tested, ordered and replaced on almost a daily basis," said Michael Hill, assistant chief.

The duties involved require extensive training and knowledge of meters, testing equipment, specialized HAZMAT suits, inventories of four Conex Boxes and part of a warehouse that are filled with equipment.

"David sets an example to his colleagues by not only performing his daily tasks but by taking on this added workload to ensure that the Fire Department is prepared to respond to a CBRNE/HAZMAT incident," Hill said.

Long has also prepared and trained the CBRNE augmentees to ensure they are properly prepared to respond, if needed.

Hill noted that to date, Long is the only federal firefighter in the Department of Defense to be working with Maximo, the federal entity supplying all training and equipment

Defense Department-wide.

"The work he is doing is keeping Tobyhanna Army Depot prepared in case of any terrorist, CBRNE or HAZMAT event, which will help minimize impact on production in case of such an event," Hill said. "He not only works on this effort here, but has also sacrificed off-duty hours to ensure the mission is met."

As part of his normal job duties, Simko oversees the development of Standard Work (SW) Documents across the depot, which includes multiple customer-funded documents. SW Documents are used by shop personnel to ensure that all employees perform tasks consistently.

"His efforts with the Air Force on the AN/MPN-I4K radar system SW Documents have resulted in a reduced cycle time by utilizing Army Knowledge On-line for the review and approval of the documents," said Keith Weinschenk, lead process improvement specialist.

Most recently, Simko served as the lead for the AN/MST-T1(V) Miniature Multiple Threat Emitter Systems Value Stream Analysis and Shingo endeavor. He was charged with ensuring that the entire Value Stream was prepared for the Shingo Prize Committee site visit in October.

"Chris facilitated countless Lean events for the analysis and attended countless home team meetings for the prime shop to help acclimate cost center personnel with the Shingo guidelines and requirements," Weinschenk said. "Chris also has helped educate the Value Stream personnel with Lean methodologies."

In Fiscal Year 2011, he facilitated two events and mentored an additional 11 events, resulting in reduced Repair Cycle Times and fielding costs for the AN/MST-T1(V)

"Chris sets the bar high for his peers and is well-respected by all who come into contact with him," said Clark Ross, a process improvement specialist. "It is not uncommon for a mission cost center manager to call him to assist with a



Christopher Simko

David Long

challenging issue within the manager's cost center. In addition, he is known as a mentor within his division and is often found giving advice and recommendations on his co-worker's events."

Simko mentored eight employees who have been detailed to the division for 120 days ensuring they gain a more in-depth knowledge of Lean tools.

Simko is known to support his co-workers both personally and professionally. He is the first one to offer assistance and support when needed. He regularly enters ICE Comment cards giving recognition and suggestions for activities within the directorate.

Process Improvement Specialist Christopher Gogola noted that he is a quiet, "no-drama" professional who allows nothing to "fall between the cracks."

"Chris provides steady, responsive and technically-sound support of the directorate's continuous improvement activities," said Robert Katulka, director of the Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. "His leadership and expertise have been instrumental in guiding the total team effort required for successful Lean Six Sigma initiatives."



Electrician Joseph Lomonaco installs the electrical components in a Firefinder Reliability Maintenance Initiative shelter brow in support of the AN/TPQ-37 artillery and rocket locating radar system.



Shelter Systems Branch
Systems Integration
and Support Directorate

Branch employees assemble and reset AN/ASM-146 and AN/ASM-147 Electronic Service Shelters and Firefinder Reliability Maintainability Improvement Shelters. The AN/ASM-146 shelters are the primary maintenance facilities for the entire Army electronics maintenance mission in combat service support units. They provide facilities for testing, repair and calibration for avionics, communication, electronic, navigation, photographic and infrared systems.

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

AROUND THE DEPOT



Electrician Trevor Lutz installs a raceway in an AN/ASM-147 shelter.



Sheetmetal mechanic George Zukowski installs an environmental control unit in a Firefinder Reliability Maintainability Improvement shelter in support of the AN/TPQ-37 artillery and locating radar system.



Sheetmetal worker Robert Rusyn puts the final touches on a Delta Wye converter prior to the completion of an AN/ASM-146 shelter.



Sheetmetal mechanic Jeffery Lavelle verifies the contents of an AN/ASM-146 shelter prior to final inspection and shipment to the customer.



Sheetmetal Mechanic Joseph Migatulski modifies the operators chair prior to installing it in a Firefinder Reliability Maintainability Improvement shelter in support of the AN/ANTPQ-37 artillery and rocket locating radar system.

Photos by Tony Medici

Bold Ideas program extended

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. — The Bold Ideas campaign is extended until the end of January to compensate for time lost due to technical issues.

Since October, AMC has received more than 200 ideas to help improve the command.

“Thank you to those that have supported the campaign,” said John Nerger, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General. “In line with the holiday season, consider giving the gift of a bold idea to AMC.”

Participation in the Bold Ideas Campaign will allow submitters to reach directly to headquarters with ideas and identify processes and/or programs that can operate in a more efficient manner.

The campaign is designed to rapidly gather ideas and provide quick recognition for participants.

Below are instructions to register on the portal website, CAC access required.

1) Attempt to access <https://hqamc.aep.army.mil>

2) If you receive the ‘Authentication Failure’ page, either click the link on the failure page to register, or go directly to <https://adfs.aep.army.mil/Registration/default.aspx> to register for an account.

3) Most fields on the registration form will pre-populate. The following fields may cause questions/problems:

3a) Middle Initial — this field will auto-populate with the user’s entire middle name. This must be erased so that ONLY the middle initial is in that box.

4) All fields are required, so make sure all fields are filled out on the registration form.



5) You will not receive an email when the account is created — but by noon of the following business day the account will be created. If after that time you still receive an ‘Authentication Failure’ message when accessing the portal, you must clear the cookies and temporary internet files from your browser (check with local helpdesk if you have questions on how to do this), close all browser windows, and then open a new browser window.

Make sure you are selecting the email certificate. If issues persist please contact Angie Whitman at Angela.B.Whitman.CTR@US.ARMY.MIL.

NEW SUPERVISORS

Tanya Chervenak is chief of the Interrogator Branch in the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.



Chervenak

As a supervisor, she manages employees in the the Surveillance Systems Division. Employees are responsible for the electronics maintenance and overhaul of the AN/TPX-42A Identity Friend or Foe system and AN/TPX-46 signal processor.

Prior to her current position, Chervenak was an electronics mechanic leader in the Secure Telecommunications Branch of the Communications System Directorate’s Communications Security Division. She began her depot career in 2004.

Chervenak is a 2002 graduate of Delaware Valley High School and earned a degree in



DeFrancesco

Electronics Technology from Johnson College in 2005. She is a member of the Johnson College Program Advisory Committee as a representative of the Electronics Technology Department.

Her hobbies include gymnastics, reading and playing the viola.

Anthony DeFrancesco is chief of the Systems Integration and Support Directorate’s Tactical Vehicles Branch.

As chief, he supervises the overhaul of trailers and Humvees in the directorate’s Integration Support Division.

Prior to his current position, DeFrancesco was chief of the division’s Equipage Branch.

He is a graduate of Haverford High School and currently resides in Albrightsville.

RETIREES

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David Alunni	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Leonard Ameika	Dec. 31	D/IRM
John Andrejko	Dec. 31	D/PE
Thomas Bowditch	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Gary Broad	Dec. 31	D/IM
Robert Chesnavich	Dec. 31	D/IM
Richard Evans	Dec. 31	D/PE
James Ferraldo	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Cyril Ferrance	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Sean Finan	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
William Gilbert	Dec. 31	D/PE
John Hynak	Dec. 31	D/SIS
James Kondratick	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Theodore Kopec	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Stephen Krushnowski	Dec. 31	D/PII
Christian Labadie	Dec. 31	D/C3/Avionics
James Lavelle	Dec. 31	D/PE
Robert Lopata	Dec. 31	D/PII
Gerald Manley	Dec. 31	D/PE
Edmund Maron	Dec. 31	D/PW
Joseph Maron	Dec. 31	D/PW
Anthony Maszeroski	Dec. 31	D/PE
Florence Mazza	Dec. 31	D/PM
Paul Meredith	Dec. 31	D/C3/Avionics
Steven Mikitka	Dec. 31	D/SIS
John Miller	Dec. 31	D/C3/Avionics
Robert Miscavage	Dec. 31	D/PII
Edward Moran	Dec. 31	D/SIS
John Mowatt	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Robert Olsommer	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Philip Price	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Robert Romiski	Dec. 31	D/PM
Phillip Rosso	Dec. 31	D/SIS
William Rupp	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Dennis Ryan	Dec. 31	D/PE
Francis Savaro	Dec. 31	D/PII
Joseph Scott	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Jack Scutt	Dec. 31	D/ISR
David Sereditch	Dec. 31	D/PE
John Slashinski	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Walton Smith	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Edward Sohns	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Walter Swistak	Dec. 31	D/PE
Edward Tokarski	Dec. 31	D/PM
Frank Twardowski	Dec. 31	D/Comm Sys
Rocco Valvano	Dec. 31	D/PII
Charles Vohar	Dec. 31	D/SIS
Edward Walsh	Dec. 31	D/C3/Avionics
John Walsh	Dec. 31	D/PW
Russell Walter	Dec. 31	D/PE
Walter Wilmot	Dec. 31	D/PE
Kathleen Winowich	Dec. 31	D/IRM
Philippe Winowich	Dec. 31	D/IRM
Joseph Wint	Dec. 31	D/SIS



REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE



2012 marks 100-year partnership between Tobyhanna, Army

Preparations are underway to observe the 100th anniversary of the Army's arrival here in 1912.

As part of this, the Tobyhanna Reporter will regularly publish historical articles and photographs. Personnel are invited to bring photos and documents related to the Army's presence at Tobyhanna to the graphics office in Building 11. The originals will be scanned and returned. Employees must obtain supervisory approval before calling X57743 to schedule an appointment.

Reflecting the depot's growing support for the Armed Forces, almost 40 percent of depot workload performed in 2002 was for Air Force customers. The Air Force designated Tobyhanna as its technical repair center for command, control, communications and intelligence systems.

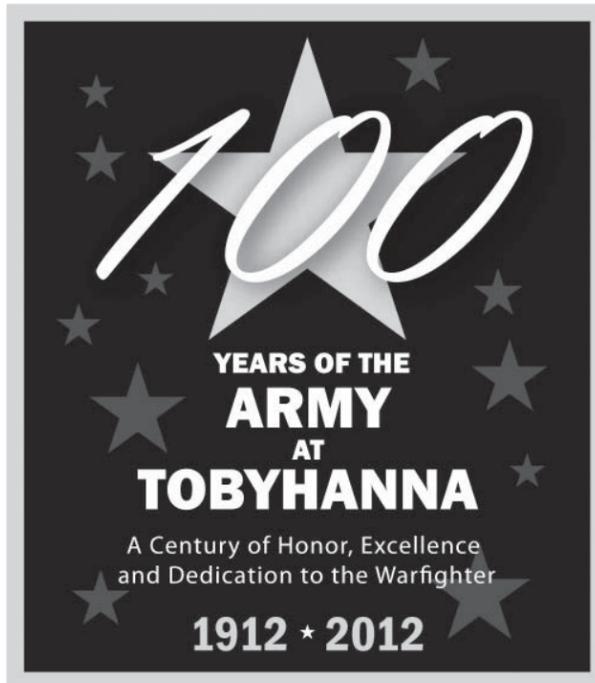
In 2002, the depot's in-house bid was selected the winner in an A-76 study of the depot's public works and information technology functions. The decision eliminated 52 positions in those organizations, but retained another 212 positions that could have been eliminated if a contractor's proposal was selected.

Tobyhanna's ongoing support of the Global War on Terrorism increased substantially with Operation Iraqi Freedom. Depot-supported systems, such as Blue Force Tracking, survival radios, satellite communications and aircraft survivability equipment, were essential to the success of U.S. forces in the war in Iraq.

The depot celebrated its 50th anniversary with a series of events in 2003, including the unveiling of a plaque honoring Joseph A. Marinangeli, the key figure in the Army's decision to build a depot at Tobyhanna.

The depot earned the Department of the Army's 2003 Best Disability Program Award for its programs for injured and disabled employees.

The depot's support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom resulted in a 40 percent workload increase in 2004, with more than 207,000 separate pieces of



equipment repaired. The depot's number of Forward Repair Activities (FRAs) rose to 24 as Tobyhanna's worldwide presence expanded to meet the needs of the Armed Forces.

In 2005, FRAs expanded to 30 and depot personnel continued to deploy to Southwest Asia to provide on-site support to the warfighter. Reflecting the depot's long-standing commitment to the environment, Tobyhanna was honored with the 2005 Army Environmental Quality Award.

President George W. Bush delivered his national Veterans Day 2005 address, the first visit by a Commander-in-Chief to the installation. More than 2,500 employees, family members and community leaders attended.

In a joint ceremony in May 2006, the depot received the 2005 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Pollution Prevention (Industrial Installations) and recertification as an OSHA Voluntary Protection Program star site.

In June 2007, Tobyhanna's growing mission requirements included Reset of systems used in Iraq and Afghanistan. Forward support also grew with the addition of new FRAs and with a daily average of 105 personnel deployed to the theater of operations.

In 2007, the depot earned its first Army Superior Unit Award for support of Reset, Blue Force Tracking, Firefinder, Medical Communication for Combat Casualty Care and the continued business transformation process through Lean Six Sigma methodologies.

In 2008, Tobyhanna won the Army Chief of Staff Maintenance Excellence Award for Depot Maintenance for delivering rapid and effective maintenance, fabrication, modification and worldwide field support.

Tobyhanna also achieved unprecedented productivity during 2008. In addition to setting new records for direct labor hours, the depot exceeded customer sales by \$103 million and increased productive yield to 1,643 hours per year.

In 2009, Tobyhanna opened a \$6 million radar test facility. It is the only enclosed indoor live-fire simulator for counter fire radar and Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar systems in the world.

Tobyhanna gained a new tenant with the June 2009 arrival of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 1st Platoon, Company B, Special Troops Battalion of the 55th Brigade Combat Team. The unit provides 24-hour operational C4ISR signal network support. The unit was formerly located in Scranton.

In 2009, Tobyhanna opened its new Depot Maintenance of the Future facility, which serves as a test bed for new maintenance processes.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Robert Flowers	Electronics worker	D/C3-AV
Brian Pidkaminy	Education services specialist	Syracuse MEPS
Dennis Quinn	Testing administrator	Syracuse MEPS
Matthew D'Angelo	Electronics mechanic helper	D/SIS
David Furey	Security guard	D/IRM
Ronald Ewing	Elect integrated sys mechanic	D/ISR
Jason Gombert	Materials handler	D/CS
Danile Harnden	Elect mechanic helper	D/SIS
Angela Hocking	Elect mechanic helper	D/SIS
Michael Kulick	Mechanical engineer	D/PE

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Lab's cutting-edge testing ensures customer satisfaction

by Justin Eimers
Editorial Assistant

The Quality Management Division's Quality Assurance Lab has tackled many issues affecting the depot's manufacturing processes since opening in November 2008. Through careful testing and analysis, the lab ensures the success and reliability of depot products and services.

Though many people may be unaware of the lab's capabilities, it is an important part of the depot's mission.

"Some people don't understand or are uninterested in learning why things are made the way they are," said Dan Hodle, quality assurance specialist in the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate. "Our lab creates awareness of these processes and teaches people how and why things are done a certain way."

The lab was introduced to serve three main purposes; first article inspections, root cause analysis and investigating customer improvement changes. First article analysis is the process of subjecting the first piece of a production to extensive tests and measurements similar to those in the environment in which it will be used. Root cause analysis requires the lab to investigate product failures and determine the cause or causes of the failure. Investigating customer improvement changes helps develop more modern testing and manufacturing procedures and techniques. The combination of these three purposes serves as a valuable tool in maintaining high levels of quality and customer satisfaction.

Some of the tests performed in the lab include microscopic examination, ultrasonic, infrared and environmental testing, as well as thermal imaging and drawing analysis. These tests can be performed using the lab's stationary precision measurement equipment or they can be administered on-site using portable testing equipment and devices.

"The lab itself isn't just contained inside the depot, but extends into the field as well," said quality engineer Leonard Zito. "We can make visits to military facilities, corporations and companies to make sure they are following our quality test plans and



Above, Shane Alt sets up the (CMM) coordinate measuring machine that is a 3D device for measuring the physical geometrical characteristics of an object. This machine may be manually controlled by an operator or it may be computer controlled. Measurements are defined by a probe attached to the third moving axis of this machine. Probes may be mechanical, optical, laser, or white light, amongst others. Right, Dan Hodle is using a Rockwell Hardness tester, which is a hardness scale based on the indentation hardness of a material. The Rockwell test determines the hardness by measuring the depth of penetration of an indenter under a large load compared to the penetration made by a preload. (Photos by Steve Grzezdinski)

that their products meet our specifications and guidelines." Hodle added that several processes have seen changes based on the suggestions of the lab.

When running each test, the lab strives to answer several important questions including whether the design is efficient and safe, and if it will be reliable. In addition to safety and reliability, quality and functionality are also extensively analyzed. These processes save the depot time and money by making sure things are properly produced the first time.

"Customer satisfaction is the lab's main focus," said mechanical engineer Shane Alt. "Some items come in and can be tested in



a matter of two or three hours. Others can take weeks or months." In either case, the lab meets the needs and deadlines of the customer.

As new processes are introduced and cutting-edge technology emerges, the lab grows to meet the demand. "New technologies create new capabilities," said Alt. "Over the last few years we've grown so

large that expansion is almost necessary, but we will continue to update our software and equipment to better serve the depot and its customers."

The lab will continue to grow and expand, as will the awareness of what it does. "There are a lot of people that don't know what we're about or what we do," said Zito. "Our door is always open."

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Value analysis focuses on shelterized systems

What is it? A top-down, process-focused approach to improving the overhaul process for shelterized systems.

Who is involved? Everyone!

When is the event? The Refinishing Process for Shelterized Systems, Jan. 22-26.

Why are we doing this

event? To increase the accuracy and effectiveness of the Refinishing process for shelterized systems in order to address issues that adversely affect quality, cost and schedule.

For more information, or to submit ideas for improvement, contact Paul Roberts, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate, X57991.

