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## NEWS NOTES

### Barber Shop posts hours, costs

The Tobyhanna Post Exchange Barber Shop is under new management.

The shop will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Men's and military-style haircuts will cost \$9.49, women's haircuts, \$14 and children's haircuts, \$10.

For more information, call Betty Jean Kowalski, X57695.

### Depot schedules fishing derby

The annual Fishing Derby will be held Sept. 22. The children's derby will be held from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-15 followed by adults 16 and up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Adults must have a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License with Trout Stamp.

For more information or to pre-register, call the One Stop Shop, 615-8851.

### See Miners play

Tickets are available at the One Stop Shop for NEPA Miners semi-professional football games on Sept. 15 and 22.

On Sept. 15, the Miners play the Philadelphia Braves and on Sept. 22 they play the Electric City Chargers.

Home games are played at the Scranton High School. Tickets are \$6 each; there is no charge for children 12 and under.

For further information, call the One Stop Shop, X58851.

### Restaurant hosts Thanksgiving celebration

The annual Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet will be held Nov. 13-15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing. Cost is \$17 per person and tickets are now available at the One Stop Shop, X58851.

The menu includes roasted turkey with stuffing, baked Virginia ham, four cheese penne pasta, whipped potatoes with gravy, vegetables, dessert and beverages.

Reservations will only be made at time of ticket purchase. No reservations will be made without payment. Submit one name only per group for reserved seating.

Employees purchasing at separate times for the same group must know whose name is on the reservation to ensure that groups are seated together.



Electronics Worker Nicholas Prehotsky, left, prepares to do operational testing on the iRobot 310 small unmanned ground vehicle while James Serafin, electronics mechanic, tests the 510 PackBot system using a handheld video game controller. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

## iRobot mission rolls to the depot

by Justin Eimers  
Editorial Assistant

Tobyhanna Army Depot's new robotics mission helps warfighters remotely search for improvised explosive devices (IED) using either a laptop computer or backpack control system.

The System Integration and Support, Production Engineering and Communication Systems directorates are involved in fabricating and upgrading several components of the iRobot unmanned ground vehicles.

"There is no doubt that this mission directly saves lives," said Chase Gardner, electronics engineer in the Production Engineering Directorate's Manufacturing Engineering Branch. "The work we do at the depot with the iRobots provides Soldiers a larger safety blanket and greater sense of security by extending the range of

communications between the vehicle and the operator."

The requirement to upgrade two different robots came as part of a Joint Urgent Operational Needs Statement asking for improved communication capabilities.

The larger iRobot 510 PackBot system features a front- and rear-facing camera, mechanical arm and two 'forks' that allow the robot to position itself in several different stances. The iRobot 310 Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle (SUGV) is slightly smaller and is controlled using an optic lens. Both systems are operated using video game controllers.

Michael Murray, an electronics integrated systems mechanic in the Communication Systems Directorate's Tactical Radio Branch, says the mission requires a wide range of knowledge and skills.

"This project uses hands-on

skills like soldering and manual troubleshooting but also incorporates software-based knowledge," he said. "Since it is such a new mission and requires a different type of thinking, a total team effort is required to pull all of our skills together and put out a quality product while adapting to customer requests."

Requests have included fixing a problem with the battery door latches. Increased temperatures would cause the latch to fail leaving the door unsecured. Had the problem persisted, the robot may not have functioned properly, compromising the safety of the warfighter and his mission. Electronics Worker Nicholas Prehotsky's solution to replace the ineffective latches with snaps, not only fixed the problem but saved time and money.

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## Finding rest for your soul

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**  
by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

When I was a little boy my dad always watched me to make sure that I shut and locked the front door each time I went in or out of our house.

I don't know what kinds of challenges or frustrations you might be facing today, but what I do know is God is watching you and knows what you are going through. God knows what we are facing today and he wants to make a difference in our lives.

Let God know what is your heart and ask him to bless your life. Ask God to bless you this week and ask him to give you wisdom and strength to face what is down the road and



coming toward you each day.

In the book of Revelations, the Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock, if anyone hears my voice, and opens the door of his heart, I will come in..." (Revelations 3:20). I want to challenge you to take time each day in prayer to make sure that you open and unlock the door of your heart to God.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

## Shinseki notes strides in serving nation's veterans

by Claudette Roulo  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has made great strides in meeting the challenges posed by a decade of war, and cooperation with the Defense Department is crucial to continued progress, VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki said Aug. 28.

Shinseki said repeated deployments over the last decade have created "issues that don't show up right away."

"More [service members] are surviving catastrophic injuries, but higher survival rates also mean complex casualties," he said. Post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, [and] amputations, blindness, deafness and other injuries can have compounding effects, he explained.

"It takes a superb, disciplined fighting force to handle this kind of strain for this long."

By next summer, Shinseki said, VA will have increased funding for treatment of veterans with spinal cord injuries by 28 percent since 2009. He added that funding for traumatic brain injury treatment will have increased by 38 percent, mental health funding by 39 percent, long-term care funding by 39 percent and prosthetics funding by 58 percent. Funding for female veterans' health issues

will have increased by 123 percent, with a potential total increase of 158 percent by 2014.

In the face of these challenges, he said, VA has decided the compensation claims of 2.9 million veterans in the past three and a half years. In 2012, he expects that for the third straight year, VA will decide 1 million.

The secretary acknowledged that a backlog of claims exists, but added that "no one is standing at parade rest."

"This is a dynamic process. When you push 2.9 million claims out the door and 3.5 million come in, ... we have to find ways to dominate those numbers."

VA also is working with Pentagon officials to establish a single, common integrated electronic health record by 2014, Shinseki said. "Seamless transition of service members departing the military and joining VA is crucial."

Both departments, he noted, are reaching out to veterans and service members in crisis, who now can make a phone call any time for the help they need.

"One of our most successful outreach efforts is our Veterans Crisis Line," Shinseki said. "DoD knows it as the Military Crisis Line. Same number, same trained VA mental health professionals answering the phone."

Service members and veterans can reach the crisis line at 800-273-8255 or send a text message to 838225.

## Woman's life story inspires others to leave impact on society

by Caitlin Best  
Equal Employment Office

Born in Chicago in 1954, author and poet Sandra Cisneros was one of seven children; the only daughter.



Cisneros grew to be introverted, shy and unable to make friends easily because her family moved frequently. Consequently, she became a quiet, careful observer of people and her surroundings — she expressed her feelings by secretly writing at home.

Education was important to Cisneros' parents. They made sure the children had library cards and learned to study, hoping they wouldn't have to work as hard for a living as they did. However, Cisneros' shyness and unwillingness to volunteer or speak up in school led to poor grades.

Cisneros learned to study hard, but she was still too shy to share her creative writings in school. It wasn't until her sophomore year in high school when she finally read her work to the class. A teacher

encouraged her to work on the school's literary magazine, where she would later become the editor.

After high school, Cisneros studied English at Loyola University in Chicago. Her father thought she might find a good husband if she went to college. Instead, what Cisneros discovered was the desire and passion to be a writer. After graduating from college, she enrolled in the poetry section of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, a highly respected graduate school for aspiring writers at the University of Iowa.

Cisneros's fears about sharing her writing with others soon returned. Many of Cisneros's classmates came from more privileged backgrounds than her and she felt she could not compete with them. She eventually came to realize her life experiences as a Mexican American woman were just as important as anything her classmates wrote about. This insight brought about her first book-- The House on Mango Street (1984); a story of a young Latina woman coming of age in Chicago.

The book is a series of stories told by Esperanza Cordero, a Mexican American girl growing up in a Chicago barrio. Much like

Cisneros when she was young, Esperanza wants to leave her poor neighborhood to seek a better life for herself. Although Esperanza gains enough strength by the end of the book to leave her house on Mango Street, she is reminded by one of the other characters that she must never forget who she is and where she came from: "You will always be Esperanza. You will always be Mango Street. You can't erase what you know. You can't forget who you are." The novel has sold more than two million copies and is required reading in middle schools, high schools, and universities across the country.

In her career, Cisneros explored many literary forms. She wrote several collections of poetry, including My Wicked, Wicked Ways (1987), which was well received by fans and critics alike. She created an impressionistic portrait of life on the border between the United States and Mexico through a series of vignettes in Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories (1991). Cisneros also wrote a children's book about diversity titled Hairs/Pelitos in 1994. Each member of the family has a different type of hair and skin color. Her books have been

translated into a dozen languages.

In addition to Cisneros' work as an author, she has inspired people of all ages by teaching English and creative writing at almost every grade level. She has served as a college recruiter, an art administrator and a visiting writer to universities across the United States.

Cisneros also gave back to her community by founding the Macondo Foundation. This foundation is an association of socially engaged writers who promote creativity, foster generosity and honor their communities.

Sandra Cisneros is an inspiration to the world through her writings and work with children, and through the Macondo Foundation. She has shown compassion and generosity throughout her life, which will leave a great impact on society.

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## Chili contest kicks off annual CFC fund drive

The depot's annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will begin Sept. 19 with the chili contest.

CFC chairpersons Beverly Foster and Jen Caldero will lead depot employees through a variety of fundraising events until Nov. 11.

Among this year's events, there will be weekly 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

Last year's contributions raised more than \$250,000 and the 2012 campaign aims to reach \$260,000.

This year's slogan, "You can change someone's tomorrow, today," was submitted by Jackie Vass, Production Management Directorate.

The CFC is looking for lead key persons from each directorate to help the campaign by distributing and collecting pledge forms within their directorate. Training sessions will be announced shortly and will be offered to explain the responsibilities of these individuals.

The chili contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 19 for first shift and Sept. 20 at 4 a.m. for third shift. The event will take place in Building 1C, Bay 1. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded for the "Best Chili," and the "Best Decorated Booth."

Those who would like to participate in the chili contest should contact Caldero, X56554 or [jennifer.a.caldero.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.a.caldero.civ@mail.mil).

To donate a bake sale item or donate a basket for the weekly raffle, contact Foster, X56920 or [beverly.l.foster4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:beverly.l.foster4.civ@mail.mil). The basket should have a minimum value of \$25. "Let's have fun with our campaign, let's all participate, and let's get going so that each of us can change someone's tomorrow today," Foster said.



Foster



Caldero



John Lacapra, electronics mechanic helper, checks a protocol converter circuit breaker switch of an AN/TRC-190E (V1) Radio Terminal shelter. Tobyhanna personnel have completed a retrofit mission in conjunction with the overhaul effort for Project Manager Warfighter Information Network-Tactical. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

## Tobyhanna employees Reset, retrofit mission expands capabilities of critical Army communications systems

by Anthony Ricchiazzi  
Editor

Tobyhanna has successfully completed a mission that gives a key Army communications system increased range and frequencies.

Since 2007, personnel here have supported Reset and retrofit missions for the AN/TRC-190 Capacity Line of Sight (HCLOS) Radio Terminal: a Reset effort for the CECOM's Logistics and Readiness Center's Command, Control and Communications-Tactical Directorate and a retrofit in conjunction with the overhaul effort for Project Manager Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (PM WIN-T), which was completed in July.

"Our mission was to retrofit 42 Echo V1 TRC-190s," said Stan Maros, chief of the Digital Group Multiplexer/Mobile Subscriber Equipment Branch, Voice Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate. "This is the last of the depot's retrofit support of the TRC-190s for the PM WIN-T at this time."

Tobyhanna will begin supporting the PM for field upgrades in fiscal year 2013.

The AN/TRC-190 is a multichannel radio terminal that allows point-to-point ultra high frequency radio links between various nodes of the Mobile Subscriber Equipment communications system. They can be used for line-of-sight, or when paired with the AN/TRC-170, over-the-horizon voice and data communications.

Tobyhanna Army Depot began working the AN/TRC-190 in 2007, and has since completed more than 1,400 systems. TRC-190s are used by the Army.

"The effort started as a repair and return program and grew into an overhaul program plus modifications," said Tom Styer, electronics mechanic leader. "The modifications included a radio upgrade from AN/GRC-245 to GRC-245A(V)3. The radios are voice and data capable and have a faster data transmission speed, which is required to support increasing data volume on the battlefield."

Other modifications included replacing modems with cable drivers and router switches, which also act as voice and data processors for the radios.

To make the modifications, each shelter was stripped and equipped with new wiring and upgraded racks.

"We also installed new cabling, fiber optic convertors and encryption components," said Roy Strauss, electronics mechanic leader. "Electricians installed upgraded circuit breakers."

The shelter is designed to keep the electronics cool, including door louvers that allows cross ventilation.

Maros credited Lean with keeping customer cost down, noting that multiple Lean events kept the Unit Funded Cost the same for the last three years.

"This mission was finished right on time. This success is due to the people who put these systems together, check the electronics, install the upgrades and perform final tests," Maros said.

## Payroll officials recommend updating myPay information

Employees should regularly check their myPay user accounts to make sure personal information is current.

MyPay uses account information to provide access to files and send messages. For instance, e-mail addresses are used to provide temporary passwords to users who forgot or need a password.

Department of Defense civilian employees with a Common Access

Card and a Smartcard Reader can access myPay by clicking "SmartCard Login" on the myPay home page.

To check a work e-mail address or add a personal e-mail address select "Email Address" on the main menu.

To request a temporary password select "Forgot or Need a Password" on the myPay homepage. Upon receipt of the temporary password, select the "Create an Account" link to establish a

"Login ID" and permanent password.

Employees without access to a SmartCard Reader will receive a temporary password by mail.

Local customer service representatives can verify or change mailing addresses.

For details, contact the payroll office, X56113/X59033 or [usarmy.tyad.usamc.mbx.payroll@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.tyad.usamc.mbx.payroll@mail.mil).

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Tactical Radio Branch chief Patrick Connolly said adapting to challenges and quickly finding solutions is an integral part of the mission.

"Problems are to be expected, but knowing that warfighters count on our work to keep them safe pushes us to be accountable," said Connolly. "I've never seen a team with so much enthusiasm, dedication and pride."

Prehotsky noted that his pride for the mission and for supporting the warfighter pushed him to find answers to several of the iRobot's problems.

"I know that I'm a part of something that directly supports our Soldiers and has the potential to bring even more modern technology to the depot," said Prehotsky.

To date, Tobyhanna has fielded more than 200 iRobot kits to both systems. Connolly said the response from warfighters has been extremely positive.

"From the reports we have received from the field, our customers are very happy about the work we are doing," he said. "In turn, that makes us work harder to maintain that level of success because we know this mission saves lives."



### Living legacy to fallen Soldiers

Surviving family members Helen and Thomas Seifert participate in Tobyhanna Army Depot's annual tree planting ceremony honoring fallen Soldiers and their families. Heather Fiedler, Army Community Services Branch chief, and her daughter, Elspeth, presented plants that lined the dedication site to attendees. Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Brooks led the invocation and depot commander Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter and Fiedler offered remarks during the solemn event. Tobyhanna's Survivor Outreach Services Program hosts the event annually. (Photos by Ed Mickley)



## Rewards card to offer commissary shoppers a simpler way to shop

Beginning today commissary shoppers will have the option to receive coupons through the "Rewards" program.



According to the Defense Commissary Agency, Commissary Rewards is a faster, simpler and more convenient way to shop and save.

Digital coupons are paperless and work automatically when loaded onto a Commissary Rewards Card through an online account and scanned at checkout. Just like paper coupons, these coupons are offered by manufacturers and have expiration dates and terms and conditions that must be followed for redemption. New offers will typically be posted online every two to three weeks.

To register, pick up a card at the commissary here. A table set up for a week to help customers. After that, Commissary employees can assist customers. Then, register it through the Commissary Rewards Card page at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

During registration, select a 10-digit ID to provide the cashier in case you forget your card. Once registered, log into your account periodically to load new coupons on your card, then scan the card at the register to apply the coupons to purchases.

For further information, call the Commissary director, Jerry Durham, 615-7628, or Margaret Johnson, 615-7709.

# Suicide prevention: Assistance vital to maintaining health of the force

by Claudette Roulo  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The military's top enlisted leader wants service members to use September's National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month as an opportunity to learn what to do when a fellow service member, family member or veteran reaches out for help.

Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia, senior enlisted advisor to Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said service members who seek assistance — and those who are in a position to offer it — need to know that it's OK not to be OK.

"We can still operate and function as effective service members [and] effective family members within our armed forces, within life [and] as members within society and not be 100 percent fit," Battaglia said. "Like myself, for example. From some combat wounds and injuries over the years, I'm no longer 100 percent, and that's OK by me, because I understand that it's OK not to be OK."

Thanks to the resilience programs such as Total Force Fitness, Battaglia added, he has been able to better assess his fitness levels and return his mind, body and spirit to a new optimal level of performance.

"I believe each person has their own threshold of when they may need help," he said. "The moment that indicator lights up within yourself is the time to reach out."

Service members, family members or veterans don't have to wait until they feel suicidal to take advantage of services

offered by the military and Veterans Affairs Department, Battaglia said.

No matter what the situation may be, asking for assistance is the crucial first step, Battaglia said. Each service has specific programs shaped and tailored toward its service members and families, he said, and the VA has programs for veterans.

The Military Crisis Line — 1-800-273-8255 — is "one common denominator throughout the entire department," Battaglia said. Service members, family members and veterans in need of assistance, either for themselves or a loved one, can call the number day or night to speak to someone.

"That someone, who will answer will be a medical health official ... with the background and expertise to make some immediate assessments," he said. "That phone call has complete confidentiality."

Members of Tobyhanna Army Depot's community can also call the depot's counseling center at 570-615-8873 for assistance.

Battaglia said he uses the acronym "NOW" to educate service members about suicide prevention.

The N means "there's NO problem too big that should cause an individual to take his or her own life," he said. "If you have a problem that you can't solve, come to someone — a leader, a chaplain, a commander — and, by God, we can solve it together."

The O is for OUTREACH, he said. "Outreach is literally a fingertip away — and that outreach can come from texting

your team leader to knocking on your chaplain's door or even notifying an immediate family member," he explained.

As importantly, he said, the W stands for WE care.

"As leaders, we understand and clearly recognize that as members of this professional organization, our men and women have committed to our nation and we are committed to them," he said. "This is an equal opportunity issue; it affects everyone. So whether it is junior leaders, senior leaders or nonleaders, anyone who comes abreast of a person who looks or appears like they may want to hurt themselves, it's time to engage and act, immediately."

Leaders have the added responsibility of dealing with the aftermath of a death by suicide, Battaglia said, which can further strip away at morale, cohesion and unit readiness if left untreated.

There's no one reason or indicator that leaders can rely upon, in capturing the "why" of suicide, Battaglia said. "However," he added, "active leadership engagement is an area where many leaders believe we can improve."

Engaged leaders will be better able to detect and help troubled troops, Battaglia said.

"There's so much time spent together that leaders will better know their people and can pick up changes from one's normal disposition or behavior," he said.

And it's a year-round job, the sergeant major added.

"While September is officially designated as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, this issue is so important to the health of our force that we need to treat every month as suicide prevention and awareness month," he said.

# Army mobilizes for first financial audit in its history

WASHINGTON — The Army is gearing up for an audit of its “Statement of Budgetary Resources” by 2014 and an audit of all financial statements by 2017.

“Gearing up for an audit affects more than just the resource management community,” said James Watkins, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Financial Operations. “It affects contracting, payroll, acquisition, logistics and other business functions. The Army is changing the way it does business and people all over the organization are seeing the impact.”

The Statement of Budgetary Resources, or SBR, is the statement that shows the money the Army has received in a fiscal year and outlines how it spent that money. In fiscal year 2011, for instance, the Army had more than \$335 billion in budgetary resources to account for.

The Department of Defense is the last remaining federal agency with financial operations that cannot muster an independent audit. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has described the situation as “unacceptable” in testimony to Congress.

In 2009, Congress mandated that DoD obtain a clean audit opinion of all of its financial statements by 2017. In October 2011, Panetta announced that DoD, including all of the services, would move up the timeline to obtain a clean opinion on its SBR by 2014.

Tobyhanna resource management and audit experts have already begun preparing for the 2017 audit of financial statements.

The Army has begun a baseline assessment of Army Working Capital Fund sites, according to Brian Ross, chief of Tobyhanna Army Depot’s Internal Review & Audit Compliance Office. A team visited Tobyhanna July 16-18 to “gain an understanding of the business operations” and “identify and walk through the accounting operations processes that support the business operations,” he said.

“The AMC leadership has issued guidance stating every effort must be taken to prepare for the audit and for achieving an unqualified opinion,” Ross said. “Clearly 2017 is still four years away; however, we plan to be ready.”



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The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller) is leading the effort to get the Army audit ready and to meet all of the deadlines.

“Responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources and operating business processes within an effective control environment are consistent with high standards of military readiness and support Army values,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno in a message sent to general officers in April. The message stressed the importance of audit readiness efforts.

In order to meet the deadlines, the Army is testing and improving the internal controls it has in place to ensure business processes are executed properly and to minimize a risk of error on the financial statements. Examples of internal controls are:

- signing and dating a receiving report or invoice to prove goods or services actually received were compared to the

items or invoice ordered

- reviewing standard operating procedures for certain business processes annually to ensure they align with generally accepted accounting principles and DoD and Army policies
- having the proper forms on file to show that someone has the authority to sign off on a business transaction

When it comes time for a financial statement audit, auditors will select a sample of transactions for each business process, request documentation to support the transactions and review the documentation to ensure that transactions were executed properly. If the documented evidence does not exist or the documentation does not properly support the transactions, the result could be an unfavorable audit opinion.

“We know people are doing good work. But they need to have the documentation in place to prove it,” said Watkins.

Teams from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller) Office of the Secretariat, or OASA(FM&C), have been visiting installations and evaluating business processes.

Along with the SBR business processes, teams have been looking at the management of assets, including military equipment, general equipment, operating materials and supplies, and real property. Teams coordinate with internal review offices to examine business processes and implement corrective actions.

The OASA(FM&C) has rolled out a series of resources, including checklists, handbooks and training courses. The resources are meant to help everyone across the Army understand the importance of audit readiness and review the internal controls that need to be in place to obtain a clean audit opinion.

Online training courses through the Army Learning Management System have also begun to roll out. Currently the overview module is available explaining audit readiness efforts in more detail.

One-day training sessions are held each month in the Washington, D.C., area. For details, email [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-fm.mbx.audit-readiness@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-fm.mbx.audit-readiness@mail.mil). (*Army News Service*)



## Military convoy ‘takes a knee’ at Tobyhanna

More than 600 vehicles of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team passed through Tobyhanna Army Depot August 22-23. The Soldiers, members of the New Jersey Army National Guard, were on their way to New Jersey from Fort Drum, N.Y., after annual training and stopped here for rest, vehicle maintenance checks and refueling. The convoy stopped here in early August while enroute to Fort Drum. Vehicles consisted of Humvees, Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks. This was the first convoy to take a rest stop at Tobyhanna in more than 10 years. (Photos by Tony Medici)

## DIVISION CHIEF

**Jeffrey O'Neill** is chief of the Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Directorate's Counter Fire Division.



He supervises employees who repair, overhaul and Reset AN/TPQ-36 and AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder Radar systems and Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar System. Prior to being named chief, O'Neill worked as an electronics mechanic in the directorate's Mini-MUTES Branch. He began his depot career in 1998.

O'Neill is a 1992 graduate of Dunmore High School. He received an Associate's Degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology from Johnson College in 1994.

He was part of the Mini-MUTES team that earned a Shingo Silver Medallion in 2011 and Commander's Award for Civilian Service earlier this year.

He is a member of the Parish of Saints Anthony and Rocco in Dunmore, and his hobbies include spending time with family.

**Kenneth Gilman** is chief of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic



**Gilman**

Equipment (TMDE) Support Center.

He supervises employees who provide calibration and repair services of TMDE for the departments

of the Army and Defense. His duties also include planning, directing and evaluating the center's supervisors who direct day-to-day work of engineering technicians. Gilman began his depot career in June. Prior to his current position, he was a precision measurement equipment mechanic supervisor in the TMDE Directorate at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Gilman is a 1992 graduate of Central High School in Barstow, Calif. He served in the Army for three years as an M1A1 tank systems mechanic. He was stationed at forts Knox, Hood and Irwin, and deployed to Afghanistan.

His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Gilman's hobbies include golf, fishing, hunting, and coaching football and baseball.

## WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Sarah Antonacci-Behrend	Secretary	D/PE
Collette Gneuhs	Secretary	D/PII
Terry Kelley	Electronics worker	D/FLS
Frank Padula	Painting worker	D/SIS
Bob Smith	Electronic digital computer mech	D/FLS

## RETIREES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Retirement date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Harry Heck	Aug. 31	D/SIS
Gary Hoff	Aug. 10	D/C3/Avionics
Joseph Manley	Aug. 31	D/Comm Sys
Yvette Pollack	Aug. 31	D/PW
William Price	Aug. 31	D/C3/Avionics
Nancy Schlenner	Aug. 31	AIDPMO
Carl Shymanski	Aug. 31	D/SIS
Allen Wrobleski	Aug. 31	D/SIS

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## CAREER MILESTONE



From left, Harry Heck, Thomas Misiura, Kenneth Stackhouse, William Generose and Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki attend the Length of Service ceremony held August 30.

Four Tobyhanna employees were recognized for their years of government service during the Length of Service ceremony Aug. 30.

**Thomas Misiura** — 40 years, precision measurement equipment calibrator supervisor, U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Support Center.

**Kenneth Stackhouse** — 35 years, lead electronics technician, Engineering Design Development and Manufacturing Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

**William Generose** — 35 years, electronics mechanic, Command, Control and Computer Division, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

**Harry Heck** — 30 years, machine tool operator, Manufacturing and Assembly Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, employees with 40 years receive a gold watch and a crystal eagle statue. Those with 35 years receive an engraved mantel clock and individuals with 30 years receive a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot signed by their coworkers.

Honorees who attend the Length of Service ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award.

Deputy commander Frank Zardecki presented the awards.

## Former depot CO: McQuiston earns third star

Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, the new U.S. Army Materiel Command's (AMC) deputy commanding general, was promoted to lieutenant general during a ceremony held at Redstone Arsenal recently.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, then-AMC commanding general, presided over the ceremony reflecting on McQuiston's talents.

"What is so impressive about Pat are the things you can't read on her bio...she is able to inspire people, and has passion and compassion," said Dunwoody. "She knows how to take care of Soldiers, civilians and their families."

Dunwoody continued by stating McQuiston's experience and abilities will be a perfect fit for her new role as the AMC deputy commanding general.

McQuiston told colleagues, friends and family, including her husband, Col. (Ret.) Leif Johnson that she was honored to have been promoted and

thanked Dunwoody for her faith and confidence in selecting her as the new AMC deputy commanding general.

"I am excited about the way ahead," said McQuiston.

McQuiston has served in numerous assignments, starting as a maintenance platoon leader and S-1 for the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. She also filled leadership roles while serving in Germany and Kuwait.

McQuiston most recently served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill.

McQuiston humbly credited her success and development as a leader to the guidance and support of her mentors, peers, family and friends, many of whom were present for the ceremony.

McQuiston was the 26th commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot. (AMC Public Affairs)

## Half-million Army accounts migrated to Enterprise Email

WASHINGTON — About 500,000 Army accounts are now part of the Defense Department's Enterprise Email, according to leaders in the Defense Information Systems Agency and Army G-6 office.

"This is an incredible milestone and one for which every member of the team can be proud," said Michael Kreiger, Army deputy chief information officer, thanking DISA (Defense Information Systems Agency) the Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command and other partners.

"When you consider that (another half-million) Army Knowledge Online-only users will be migrated in February 2013, we are well on our way to completing Army migration to DoD Enterprise Email by the end of March 2013."

According to the Enterprise Email Army Service Acquisition report submitted to Congress by the Army in February 2012, the Army expects to save

nearly \$380 million through fiscal year 2017 on this Enterprise Email effort.

"The DISA-Army partnership has been outstanding. The Army has been a dedicated partner in demonstrating the operational enhancements and efficiencies of DOD Enterprise Email," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr., DISA director.

"Working with our mission partners, DISA provides the enterprise-level capabilities and services to connect users from wherever information is produced to wherever it is consumed," he continued.

"Enterprise Email lays the foundation for implementation of other enterprise services, and it brings us a step closer to a true Defense enterprise information infrastructure that enables warfighters to connect, identify themselves, discover and share information, and collaborate throughout the full spectrum of military operations," Hawkins said. (Army News Service)

## Tobyhanna helps AMC celebrate 50th

Gen. Anne E. Dunwoody, then-commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, standing with other AMC officials, gives the thumbs up for a time capsule designed, built and delivered by Tobyhanna Army Depot. From left, John Nerger, executive deputy to the commanding general, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Riling, Brian Brack, carpenter leader, Systems Integration and Support Directorate; Dave Brown, motor vehicle operator, Public Works Directorate; Keith Hoffman, chief of the Engineering, Design/Development and Manufacturing Division, Production Engineering (PE) Directorate and Steve Burke, mechanical engineer, PE Directorate, assist with the unveiling. AMC tasked Tobyhanna in June to produce the capsule to help celebrate AMC's 50 years of service to the nation. The time capsule is made of stainless steel set upon an oak base. The front placard is made of oak, inlaid with black walnut for the dedication inscription, the Roman numerals are stainless steel and the AMC logo is colored glass. The inner box, purchased from a local business, is environmentally sealed to preserve the contents. Hoffman said the capsule will easily meet AMC's requirement to last 50 years. AMC staff members presented items for inclusion in the capsule during last month's 50-year dedication ceremony. Contributed items included a roster of current AMC Soldiers and civilians, as well as a list of prices of popular consumer items. It now sits in the AMC headquarters main lobby to be opened in 2062. AMC was activated Aug. 1, 1962. At the time, the command consisted of 190,000 people; more than 250 installations, activities, arsenals and laboratories; an inventory of weapons and equipment worth \$23.5 billion, with an annual budget of \$7.5 billion and was housed at what is now Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. For more information on the history of Army Materiel Command visit [www.amc.army.mil](http://www.amc.army.mil). (U.S. Army photo)





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# Forum teaches leadership, team building skills

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Editorial Assistant

Tobyhanna Army Depot recently participated in two youth events focused on leadership and developing effective team building skills.

The depot's Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) program, part of the Community Services Directorate's Family Services Division, sent two youth to take part in the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) in Fort Bragg, N.C. The division selected Britney Diaz, 13, and Victoria Gonzalez, 15, to represent the depot's Middle School and Teen (MST) program at the event. Jennifer Robertson, supervisory program specialist for CYSS, accompanied the students to the event and said it was a worthwhile experience for both her and the youth.

"The participants were given many opportunities to be a part of team building exercises," said Robertson. "This event provides unique experiences for young people in middle school and high school and helps them develop the skills needed to become successful members of their respective communities."

During the event, participants competed in an obstacle course, discussed important youth issues and developed action plans to address them. The forum concluded with a banquet at which the issues were presented to senior leaders in attendance.

On Aug. 8, the depot's MST program

held a carnival as part of its summer camp program. Fifteen youth and two staff members planned the event that featured carnival games and a dunk tank. A total of 60 summer camp children from Kindergarten to 5th grade participated in the carnival. Robertson noted that the event teaches valuable life skills while providing a fun experience.

"By hosting and planning the carnival, the youth learned how to effectively plan for an event and developed leadership, organizational and communication skills," she said. "To top it all off, the staff and youth had a great time."



The 42 Youth Leadership Forum attendees stand in front of the "Iron Mike" statue at Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo)



An Middle School and Teen youth leader congratulates a carnival participant for successfully dunking someone in the dunk tank. (Photo by Leana Anderson)



## Depot golfers raise money for Army programs

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted its 9th Annual Golf Tournament at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course in Mount Cobb, Pa. The field of 70 golfers included depot employees and raised about \$3,600 to benefit Army Emergency Relief, Fisher House Foundation, and the Chapter Scholarship Fund. This year's tournament was held in memory of retired Lt. Col. Robert Hemphill, who passed away earlier this year and was a dedicated supporter of the U.S. Army, AUSA and Rotary Club International. Clockwise from top, depot employees Bill Price, Bob Benson and Chuck Bartleson watch as John Kelly putts, tournament winners John Matsago, Colt Bowen, Jason Menago and Paul Dmuchoski, John Parada kneels to line up a putt. (Photos by John O'Brien)

