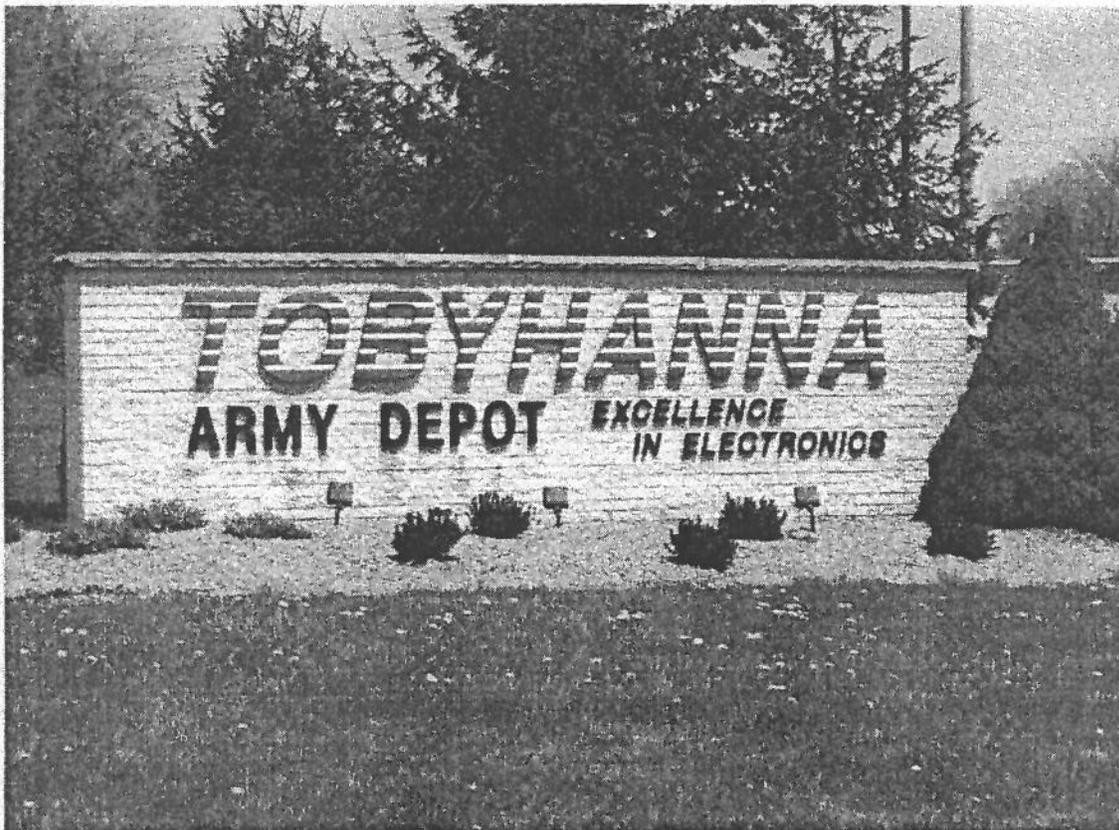


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I will move to my next assignment following the Tobyhanna Army Depot change of command on July 12, 2012. It has been a fast-paced three years and every day has been an honor to command the best depot in the Department of Defense and to lead its workforce. Words cannot adequately describe the wonderful experience of meeting and working with the community of retired military members and their families served by the Tobyhanna Retirement Services Office.

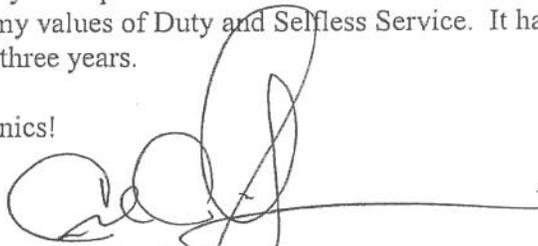
In an era of ever-tightening resources we still have made substantial improvements in the facilities and services we provide our active and retired military personnel and their family members. We just reopened the Mack Fitness Center with a new floor, new equipment, and centrally locating many of the MWR services. We strive for continuous improvements in both our production areas and our installation operations. I know I can continue to count on you to let us know what you need, and to tell us how we are doing.

As I prepare for my new assignment, I want to thank you for your service to our Nation, your continued support of our Armed Forces and our Tobyhanna community. I ask that you extend the same support to Tobyhanna's new commander, Colonel Gerhard Schröter. As I know you will, please welcome him and his family to the community as warmly as you welcomed me in 2009. One of the strengths of our Army is that as one leader departs, a new leader is ready. Colonel Schröter will have a great team of civilian and military personnel to support him and I know that he is eager to meet with you and to continue our excellent service to the retired military community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We are once again very near our all-time highs in terms of production, providing high-tech systems essential to the readiness and wellbeing of our Armed Forces. Our dedicated personnel continue to meet growing requirements for direct support in Afghanistan. Volunteers all, many of these great Americans have completed multiple deployments, ensuring our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are equipped to carry the fight to our enemies. Nobody does it better!

In conclusion, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who staff our Retirement Services Office. While our Retiree Appreciation Day is the annual highlight, you faithfully travel to Tobyhanna throughout the year to provide invaluable assistance to our retirees and family members. You exemplify the Army values of Duty and Selfless Service. It has been my honor to serve alongside you for the past three years.

Team Tobyhanna – Excellence in Electronics!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles S. Gibson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Charles S. Gibson
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

Open House Set to Celebrate Army's 100th Anniversary at Tobyhanna

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT; Tobyhanna will host an "Open House," Saturday, June 23, 2012 to celebrate a "century of honor, excellence and dedication to the Warfighter." It's a great opportunity to share the installation's history, important work and regional impact with friends and neighbors.

Many exciting activities are planned for the day-long celebration, highlighted by the U. S. Army Golden Knights elite parachute demonstration team. The team is scheduled to jump at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For 50 years, the Golden Knights have entertained audiences around the country performing at air shows, competitions and special events.

The opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. will begin a day full of fun and excitement for the whole family. The program will include tours of the mission areas highlighting a variety of the communication, avionics, satellite, and radar systems repaired, an historic military equipment and vehicle display, a car show, Humvee and military equipment rides, a climbing wall, musical entertainment, a children's carnival and a variety of food and beverage stands. For those who enjoy running, there will be a 5K run starting at 8:30 a.m.

Additionally, a special Warfighter of the Quarter presentation is scheduled and the Landing will offer a luncheon buffet. The National Steamtown Historic Site will run a train excursion to the depot and a special parade through the community is planned to conclude the event.

Gates will open at 8:00 a.m. Lawn chairs and blankets are allowed on the installation but please, no personal coolers. Handicap accessible transportation will be available. For more information, please contact Tobyhanna Army Depot Public Affairs Office at 570-615-7308.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is the Defense Department's largest center for the repair, overhaul and fabrication of a wide variety of electronics systems and components, from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the defense satellite communications network. Tobyhanna's missions support all branches of the Armed Forces. With a regional economic impact of more than \$4.4 billion, Tobyhanna is northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer with more than 5,400 employees.

RSO NEWSPAPER

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT SATURDAY JULY 28, 2012

AGENDA

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Vendor table setup
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Refreshments: Coffee and Doughnuts
9:00 – 9:45 ^{9:30} AM	Assemble, start of program
9:45 ^{9:30} – 10:30 AM	Break, visit vendor booths
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Seminars <i>space A - REV MURJ ✓</i>
11:15 – 12:45 AM	Luncheon

- Notes
1. Ask guards for directions upon entering the Depot
 2. Seminars to be conducted in Bldg 11
 3. Legal and Wills to be done in Bldg 11

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Retiree Day Menu
Saturday July 28, 2012
\$6.00 Per Person

Fresh Fruit Cup

Creamy Cole Slaw

Roast Beef Au Jus

Hawaiian Chicken Breast

Jumbo Stuffed Shell

Oven Roasted Herbed Potatoes

Buttered Carrots

Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

Apple Strudel

- *The Wait Staff Will Serve Beverages (Soda & Water) and Hostess will Seat the Customers*
 - *Buffet Line will Begin at 11:15 and End at 12:45.*
 - Silverware will Be Wrapped in a Basket on the Buffet Table*
- *The Fruit Cup, Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls & Apple Strudel will be present on the Tables.*
- *(Please contact our staff by noon on Monday July 23rd, 2012 with all Special Dietetic needs).*

Tobyhanna Commissary was renovated in 2007 leaving it brighter, more user friendly and being more appealing to the customer. We have opened up our back room for shopping for Club Packs, Holiday item, and bulk packages. We also utilize our entrance for Club Pack and bulk items for additional savings to our patrons.

We have Annual Case Lot Sales in May and September. This year we will also be having a case lot sale celebrating Tobyhanna's 100th anniversary on June 23, 2012. All are supported by the companies that support our Commissary and selection is based on participation by these companies.

Our Annual Parking Lot Sale will be in conjunction with the Annual Retiree's Day festivities on Friday, July 27th and Saturday, July 28th, 2012. Check out our website on www.commissaries.com and check out Tobyhanna for dates of sales. A new feature also available on the website allows customers to view current promotions based upon availability of products carried at the Tobyhanna Commissary.

We offer Special Order services in all departments. For Grocery items, call Bob on 570-615-7709, X206, Rich/Stacey in the Meat Department @ X207, or Andy/Courtney in the Produce Department @X207.

Any Military Members that are 100% disabled or have any questions regarding eligibility may call Military Personnel on the base at 570-615-7409 and ask for Irma Silva. As of June 2011 Military ID cards will no longer be issued with your SSN and will be replaced with a unique number. We also want to encourage customers who have questions on assisted shopping for a disabled patron or those who require assistance for other reasons, contact Irma Silva.

Disabled patrons may enter the commissary ½ hour before the store opens. We have handicap carts available for our valued customers.

Commissary hours are as follows:

Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: 1000-1800 hours

Wednesday: 1000-1800 hours

Thursday: 1000-1900 hours

Friday: 1000-1800 hours

Saturday: 0900-1600 hours

Special hours for Holidays will be posted in advance on our website and also at the commissary.

We hope to see you at the Commissary to support the benefit that is so well deserved. Any questions can be addressed to Jerry Durham, Store Director @ 570-615-7628 or Jerry.Durham@deca.mil.

RSO NOTES

Legal Services: A military retiree (who is also a Pennsylvania Attorney at Law) is available by appointment only on Tuesdays. Since its inception in 1997, this program has helped over 4000 retirees in preparing simple wills and in the provision of general legal advice in areas such as Power of Attorney, Estates, Probate, Property, Guardianship, and Juvenile Justice Problems. No assistance, however, can be provided in adult criminal cases. There will, of course, be no charge for any of these services. Also please note that the attorney does not handle Taxes/Mortgage/Real Estate problems. Tuesday thru Thursday is the best time to call the RSO, POC CMS George McDonald, Ret. at (570) 895-9349 for an appointment with the lawyer.

Your Tobyhanna PX: Is hosting a big sidewalk sale on Jun 23 2012 & July 28, 2012 to celebrate 100 Yrs of Tobyhanna Army Depot and Retiree Appreciation Day. There will be sales on assorted liquors, wine, and beer along with discounts on garden supplies. Remember when you use your Military Star Card to get gas you get 5 cents off per gallon. Additional savings on gas are available throughout the year. Your PX is open from 1000-1730 Tuesday through Friday and from 0900-1630 on Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday. You can always find what you are looking for by going to www.AAFES.com.

Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center: This center located at 401 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA, 18503, provides Pennsylvania veterans and their spouses with the finest in skilled nursing, personal and dementia care. The 200 bed facility is part of the Commonwealth State Veterans' Homes system, and managed under the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. Amenities include a 24-hour professional nursing staff, on-site pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, social services department, and barber/beautician services. Religious activities address the spiritual needs of each resident, and a robust recreation program allows residents the opportunity to explore personal interests, make new friends and just have some fun!

ID Card Renewals: Sponsors must accompany all dependents who require renewal of their ID cards. Two forms of identification are required. If sponsor is unable to be present, dependent will need to provide a power of attorney. For further information, call ID section at Tobyhanna Army Depot (570)615-7409 or (570) 615-8596. Hours of operation Monday – Friday 0800-11:00 am & 12:30-2:30 pm

Wills and Powers of Attorney: This year during your Retiree Appreciation Day activities will include members of the 153rd Legal Support Organization (USAR) to prepare wills and powers of attorney for attendees. The 153rd is out of Norristown, PA. Further information will be announced during the program.

Depot Services Available: From 0930 to 1145 hours on Retiree Appreciation Day, new and renewed ID cards will be issued in Building 11 (ground floor second office on the left as you walk in from the covered walkway).

National Mail Order Pharmacy: Remember that when you use the TRICARE NMOP, you must provide a street address if the order is to be delivered in CONUS. A Post Office Box number is not sufficient. The NMOP ships UPS or USPS and they must have a street address to deliver. If residing OCONUS, an APO or FPO address must be used. Pharmaceuticals cannot be sent to a foreign address. The address to which you want the pharmaceuticals mailed MUST correspond to your address in DEERS. If not, they may not be delivered. Check and be sure. This program is administered by Express-Scripts, a contractor to TRICARE.

Gray Area Retirees: Retirement package (DD 108) must be submitted no later than your 59th birthday. If assistance is needed please contact the RSO office for an appointment. When turning sixty and unsure of your next step as a retiree? If so, briefings will be conducted the last Wednesday of every month for gray area retirees reaching sixty years of age. It is recommended that any retiree interested in attending should contact the Retirement Services Office at (570)615-7019 about two months prior to their sixtieth birthday. Areas that will be reviewed include, but are not limited to TRICARE and MyPay.

Retirees turning 65th yrs old: When turning 65 years of age, in able to continue with TriCare you must purchase **Medicare Part B**. Upon receiving your Medicare card reflecting the start date or your Medicare you must go to the nearest DEERS/ID card office.

Outfit Reunion Notice: Those who served aboard the USS Elokomin AO-5 will be hosting a reunion in Norfolk, VA. from Sep 25- Sep 28 2012. Point of contact for further information is Robert F. O'Sullivan, Tel. 617-288-3755, or email: theeloman@verizon.net.

Keep Your DEERS Information Current: Retired service members are listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) computer files without having to take any action on their own. This listing establishes their eligibility for military health benefits. Family members are **NOT** automatically listed in DEERS. If a member marries, becomes divorced, adopts or has a child, etc., he or she needs to go to the nearest military DEERS/ID office to make any needed changes in the family's DEERS eligibility listings. Be sure to take along ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED COPY of all documentation of the family member's relationship, such as marriage license, divorce decree, proof of birth, adoption papers, social security card, etc. DEERS may also be contacted at the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office by calling 1-800-538-9552 or visiting their web site at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/indexAction.do>.

Change of Address Request: All change of address request must be done directly to DFAS and DEERS. Retirees should mail their change of address request to: DFAS, Military Pay, PO Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7131. Annuitants should mail their change of address request to: DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, PO Box 7131, London, KY 40742-7131. Information can also be sent via Fax for Retirees the number is 800-469-6559 and for annuitants 800-982-8459. Please make sure to furnish your social security number. To update your mailing address in DEERS you must contact your nearest military ID section. You can also contact your RSO Irma E. Silva at 570-615-7409 to have address change in DFAS and DEERS.

Newsletter via Email: If you will like to have your newsletter sent to you via email please provide your email address to the RSO office or email us at tobyhanna.rso@army.mil requesting the newsletter via email.

Need for Volunteers at Your RSO: The Retirement Services Office (RSO) at Tobyhanna Army Depot is staffed by military retiree volunteers. Due to losses of volunteers for various reasons, more volunteers are needed to maintain the level of service that has been provided in the past. We currently open the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. As a volunteer, you would not need to come in all days the office is open, but for just one day (Tues. or Weds. or Thurs.) a week. There are various positions open for any one experienced in military matters and who also enjoys dealing with people. Don't forget, the pay is the same for everyone- satisfaction of doing something worthwhile and the enjoyment of camaraderie.



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Get Your Military ID

Pennsylvania

Site Name	Service	Phone
<u>111th FW Pennsylvania ANG Willow Grove</u>	ANG	(215) 443-1356
<u>1215th GSU Willow Grove</u>	USAR	(215) 443-1675
<u>171st ARW Pennsylvania ANG Pittsburgh</u>	ANG	(412) 776-7485
<u>193rd SOW Pennsylvania ANG Middletown</u>	ANG	(717) 948-2285
<u>464th Chemical Brigade Johnstown</u>	USAR	(814) 288-6000
<u>911th AW Pittsburgh IAP ARS</u>	USAFR	(412) 474-8527
<u>AG HQ PENNSYLVANIA</u>	ARNG	(717) 861-8693
<u>Carlisle Barracks</u>	USA	(717) 245-3533
<u>Charles E. Kelly Support Facility</u>	USA	(866) 608-4859
<u>Defense Distribution Ctr. New Cumberland</u>	DLA	(717) 770-4567
<u>Letterkenny Army Depot</u>	USA	(717) 267-8751
<u>NAS JRB Willow Grove</u>	USN	(215) 443-6863
<u>NMCRC Erie</u>	USNR	(866) 769-2356
<u>NMCRC Lehigh Valley</u>	USNR	(610) 264-8823
<u>NMCRC Pittsburgh</u>	USNR	(412) 673-0801
<u>NMOSC Ebensburg</u>	USNR	(814) 472-5083
<u>NRC Avoca</u>	USNR	(570) 457-8430
<u>NSA PHILADELPHIA</u>	USN	(215) 697-3783
<u>NSWC, PHILADELPHIA</u>	USN	(215) 897-7001
<u>Tobyhanna Army Depot</u>	USA	(570) 615-7409

Always Call First! Some Sites require
Appointments!

<p><u>Morale Welfare & Recreation</u> <u>Community Services</u> Bldg. 1001 Directorate Secretary (570) 615-7150 POC: Paula Butts Office of the Director (570) 615-8150 Director: Walter Dorosky</p>	<p><u>MWR Financial Office</u> Building 1001 Mon-Fri 0800-1630 POC: Colleen Gavin (570) 615-7150 <u>Operation Santa Claus</u> Red Friday (570) 615-8150</p>	<p><u>The Mack Fitness Center-</u> BLDG 34 (570) 615-8529 Mon/Wed-0500-1900 Tues/Thurs-00500-2000 Friday-0500-1800 Sat- Sun 0800-1500 Chief: Ginger Smith</p>	<p><u>Check It Out/ Equipment</u> <u>Rental Center - Bldg 34</u> (570) 615-7092 Mon-Fri 0600-2000 <u>Exotic Tan- Bldg 34</u> (570) 615-8529 * Both are located at the Mack Fitness Center</p>	<p><u>Post Auto Service Shop</u> (570) 615-7583 Mon-Fri - 0700-1630 *Appointments made at the Mack Oil Changes State Inspections Emissions Standard Repairs</p>	<p><u>Tobyhanna Villas in the</u> <u>Poconos</u> (570) 615-6343 POC: Melissa Miller <u>CHECKIN/OUT</u> Mon-Fri 0730-1600 Sat- Sun 0730-1600 At Mack Fitness Center</p>	
<p><u>Graphics Magic</u> <u>Engraving & Gifts & Awards</u> (570) 615-8302 Mon-Fri 0730-1600 Orders Taken at One Stop Shop - Bldg. 11 POC: Victoria Garcia</p>	<p><u>One Stop Shop & Library</u> (570) 615-8851- Bldg 11 Mon/Fri 0800-1300 Tues/Wed 0800-1300 Thurs 0700-1300 *This facility closes daily 1015-1100* POC: Amanda Scheitlin</p>	<p><u>Child, Youth & School</u> <u>Services</u> <u>Central Registration & Information</u> (570) 615-6559 Mon-Fri 0600-1800 Bldg. 335 *Closed Tuesdays*</p>	<p><u>Middle School & Teen</u> <u>Program</u> (570) 615-8113 Mon-Fri 1500-2000 Bldg. 335 POC: Lee Papa</p>	<p><u>Child and Youth Liaison</u> <u>Education and Outreach Services</u> <u>Office</u> (570) 615-9013 Mon-Fri 0800-1630 Bldg. 335</p>	<p><u>Legal Office</u> (570) 615-9349 Tuesday By Appointment Bldg. 220 Retirees POC: George McDonald</p>	
<p><u>The Landing - Bldg. 333</u> (570) 615-7045/7998 Catering, Private Parties, Special Events, Pavilion Rental POC: Rich Shermanski</p>	<p><u>Post Restaurant</u> (570) 615-7998 Mon-Fri 00645-1500 *This facility closes daily 1015-1100 POC: Rich Shermanski</p>	<p><u>Annex #1</u> (570) 615-7477 Bldg. 1A Mezzanine Mon-Fri 0600-1430 *This facility closes daily 1015-1100</p>	<p><u>Café 4 (Bldg 4 Bay 3)</u> (570) 615-9811 0545-1500 *This facility closes daily 1015-1100</p>	<p><u>Military Personnel</u> (570) 615-7409 Mon-Fri 0730-1500 ID Cards - Bldg. 11 Monday- Friday 0800-1100 and 1230-1430 570-615-8596</p>	<p><u>Retirement Services</u> (570) 615-7019/7834/9349 Tue/Wed/Thu 0930-1430 Bldg. 220 POC: Lou Roscioli RSO: Irma Silva (570)615-7409</p>	
<p><u>Army Community Service</u> (570) 615-8374 Mon-Fri 0730-1600 Bldg 1015 Chief: Heather Fiedler (570) 615-706</p>	<p><u>ERP and AFTE</u> <u>Volunteer Coordinator</u> (570) 615-8887 POC: Nicole Nelson <u>Survivor Outreach Services</u> (570-615-8374 POC: Debbie Ward</p>	<p><u>Mobilization/Deployment</u> <u>Relocation Office</u> <u>Army Emergency Relief</u> (570) 615-6682 POC: Linda Kerr <u>Family Advocacy Program</u> (570) 615-7148 POC: Pat Lawrence</p>	<p><u>Chaplain</u> (570)615-9689 Bldg 11 (Office) Bldg 1008 (Chapel) Sunday Service 1100 POC: Chaplain Brooks</p>	<p><u>Housing Office</u> (570) 615-7970 Mon-Fri 0730-1600 Bldg 230 Transportation POC: Frank Simko</p>	<p><u>Tri-Care Pharmacy</u> 1-866-TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy 1-800-903-4680 POC: Heather Lohman</p>	
<p><u>Commissary</u> (570) 615-7709/7414 Tues & Wed 1000-1800 Thurs 1000-1900 Fri 1000-1800 Sat 0900-1600 Bldg 333 POC: Jerry Durham</p>	<p><u>PX/Class VII/Gas</u> (570) 615-7030 Tue-Fri 1000-1700 Sat 0900-1630 Bldg 334 24 hr Self-Serve Gas POC: Erin Murphy</p>	<p><u>Barber Shop</u> (570) 615-7695 Tues & Wed. 1000-1630 Bldg 334 (PX) POC: Jerry</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">Tobyhanna Army Depot</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Telephone Numbers and Hours of Operation</h3> </div>			<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>