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NEWS NOTES

Disability benefits available

Military service members who became disabled during active duty on or after Oct. 1, 2001, will receive quick processing of their disability applications from Social Security.

The Department of Defense transmits information quickly, to allow identification of military personnel injured in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Some family members of military personnel may also receive benefits.

For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors, and to learn more about eligibility for survivor benefits, visit, www.socialsecurity.gov/survivorplan.

Hunter education in July

The Community Recreation Division and the Pennsylvania Game Commission will host a free Hunter Education Course July 25 and 26.

The event is open to the public, adults and children aged 11 and up, and will be held at The Mack Fitness and Recreation Center. Participants must attend both days and pass a test. Adults are encouraged to attend with children.

The course will be from 5:45 to 9 p.m. on July 25 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 26. Limited seating is available and advance registration is required.

For further information or to register, call X57583 or X58851.

Auto shop offers detail cleaning

The Post Auto Service Shop now offers hand wash and wax, and interior/exterior detail cleaning for cars, vans and SUVs.

Costs range from \$6.95 for a wash and wax to \$124.95 for a full-service exterior/interior cleaning (\$144.95 for vans/SUVs). Shop hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Service is by appointment.

For further information, call the Post Auto Service Shop, X57583.

Depot Resets AN/TRC-190 radios

by Jennifer Caprioli
Editorial Assistant

The depot is the first and only agency operating a Reset program for the AN/TRC-190 High-Capacity Line-of-Sight (HCLOS). Technicians have performed the mission since 2006.

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 system.

“Reset” is the refurbishment of equipment from Southwest Asia that is worn or damaged by higher operating tempo, rough desert environments and limited maintenance available during war-time operations.

Reset involves the repair and replacement of components and parts.

When the systems arrive at the depot, employees in the Digital Group Multiplexer/

Mobile Subscriber Equipment (DGM/MSE) Branch begin the repair part of the program. The branch is part of the Communications Systems Directorate’s Voice Communication Division. Three shifts inventory, evaluate and disassemble the system.

Employees in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate test and repair power and lighting, utility and equipment outlets, and repair the shelter itself.

“Each piece of equipment is repaired so that it is fully operational,” says Sean Finan, an electronics mechanic leader in the branch. Everything that comes out of the shelter is repaired and repopulated because of the rough environmental conditions the shelters endure in the field, such as sand damage, he adds.

One component that is extracted from the TRC-190 is the AN/GRC-245 HCLOS radio. It provides about 8 megabytes per second (Mbps) of data, which increases the

capacity of the Army’s Area Common User System network.

The radio has a 99.9 percent reliability rate, and its range results in using the minimum occupied frequency spectrum. The amount of spectrum a radio takes to transmit data is critical because spectrum becomes more crowded with the deployment of new systems.

Also, the Forward Repair Activity (FRA) sites send radios here and technicians verify if they need repair. If it is still under warranty, it is sent to the manufacturer for repair.

“In the past, parts were sent directly to the manufacturer for repair and there was nothing wrong with them,” explained Roger Burridge, an electronics mechanic in the branch.

The depot sends the radios to the manufacturer and sends working radios to

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Richard Robinson, an electronics worker in the DGM/MSE Branch, tests the AN/GRC-245 HCLOS radios during the pre-test part of the AN/TRC-190 Reset process. (Photo by Tony Medici)

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Tunnel renovations continue

Myers Street is closed to all vehicle traffic between 2nd and 5th streets as part of the tunnel renovation.

Personnel are advised to observe barriers and signs while using the pedestrian walkways and entrances to navigate around the construction site.

The underground tunnel connecting buildings 1A and 11 is closed from the Credit Union in Building 11 to the stairwell in Building 1A. All Building 11 offices and operations located on the first floor, including the Credit Union and cafeteria, will remain open throughout the construction.

Personnel traveling between buildings should use the ground level entrances and exits to Building 11, including the deck entrance by the softball field which leads into the rear of the main cafeteria. The health clinic can be accessed by using the stairwell located at the far end of Wing B (LOGSA PSCC).

The Public Works Directorate will provide details of any additional road, sidewalk or entrance closures required to support this work.

OBITUARY

Robert Safko,

Montdale, died May 24 at Mercy Hospital, Scranton. He was 53.

Safko was an engineering technician in the Public Works Directorate's Engineering Division. He began his depot career in 1983 and received several Special Act/Service and On the Spot awards, and Certificates of Appreciation and Achievement.

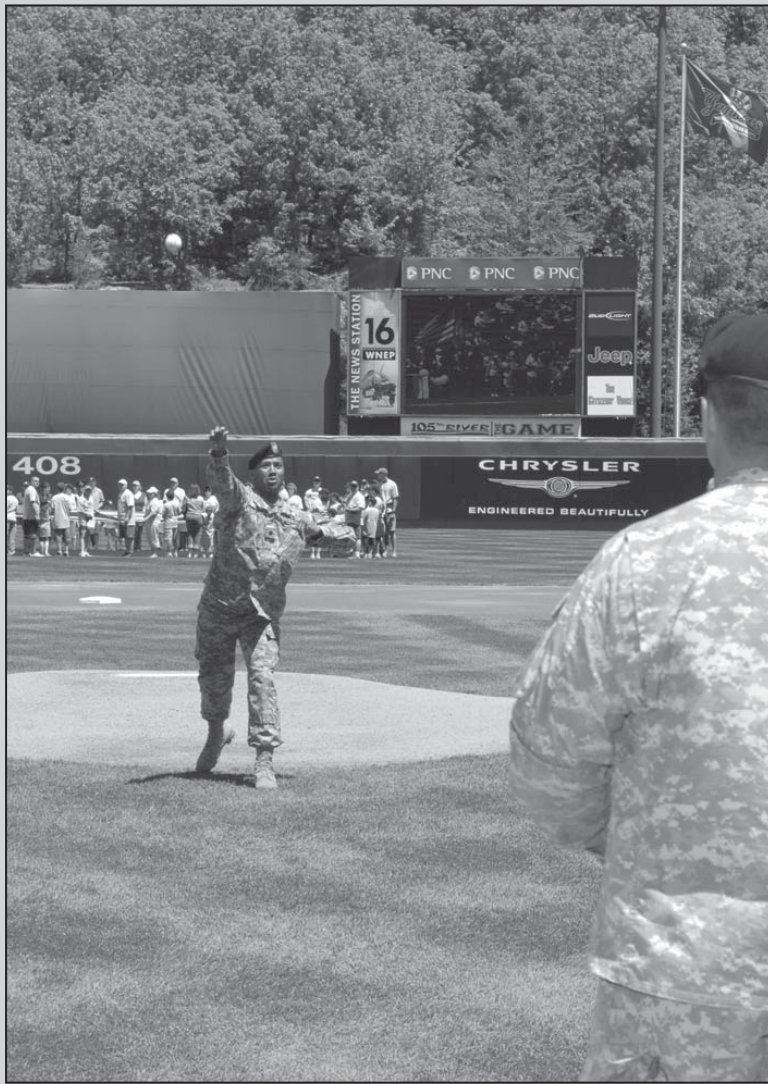
Born in Scranton, he was a son of Marie Russin Safko and Andrew Safko. He was a graduate of Valley View High School, Archbald, and Pennsylvania State University. He resided in Montdale. He was a member of Corpus Christi Church, Olyphant.

His wife is the former Kathleen Huston. They would have celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary June 1. He is also survived by three daughters, Chrysta, Brianna and Jennifer Safko; two brothers, Gerard Safko and Andy Safko; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.



Safko

Red Cross Blood Drive: The depot's Red Cross blood drive dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month. To schedule an appointment, employees must obtain supervisory approval and then call X57091.



Tobyhanna Army Depot participates in Military Appreciation Day activities

Top, Army and Northeastern Pennsylvania leaders signed the Army Community Covenant as part of Military Appreciation Day activities on May 25. Signing the covenant, from left, are U.S. Rep. Christopher Carney, Frank Zardecki, deputy commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, and Anna Cervenak of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, the regional economic development group. Standing, at left, is U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski. Waiting to sign is Lt. Col. Michael Talley, commander of the Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna. The Army Community Covenant is designed to develop and foster effective community partnerships with the Army in improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

Taking part in activities were other regional officials, and military personnel and family members from all branches of the Armed Forces.

Left, the celebration continued with a baseball game between the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees and the Indianapolis Indianans. Talley also threw out the game's first pitch and offered Memorial Day remarks. More than 1,200 military personnel and family members attended the game. Game attendance was 9,200.

Above, Tobyhanna personnel staffed a variety of displays and weapon systems, including a Firefinder radar, at the event. (Photos by Tony Medici)

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TEAM TOBYHANNA

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS



Machine shop tools are sorted and placed in labeled drawers for easy access.

Machinist clears clutter

by **Jacqueline Boucher**
Assistant Editor

A Tobyhanna machinist improved working conditions in the machine shop by devising a plan to organize 25,000 tools using 6S processes.

It didn't take long for Ron Reddington to convince coworkers that the shop could run more efficiently by implementing the visual management techniques of sort, straighten, scrub, safety, standardize, and sustain. Following his lead, the 40-member team helped create shadow boards, label drawers and customize distribution centers to replace the clutter that made it difficult and time consuming to inventory and find items in the work area or tool crib.

"Everyone was skeptical at first," Reddington said. "When they saw the progress I was making, they were all on board and let me do what I needed to do." During his 20-year career, the former Air Force maintenance superintendent employed the same methods to keep track of tools used to fix military aircraft.

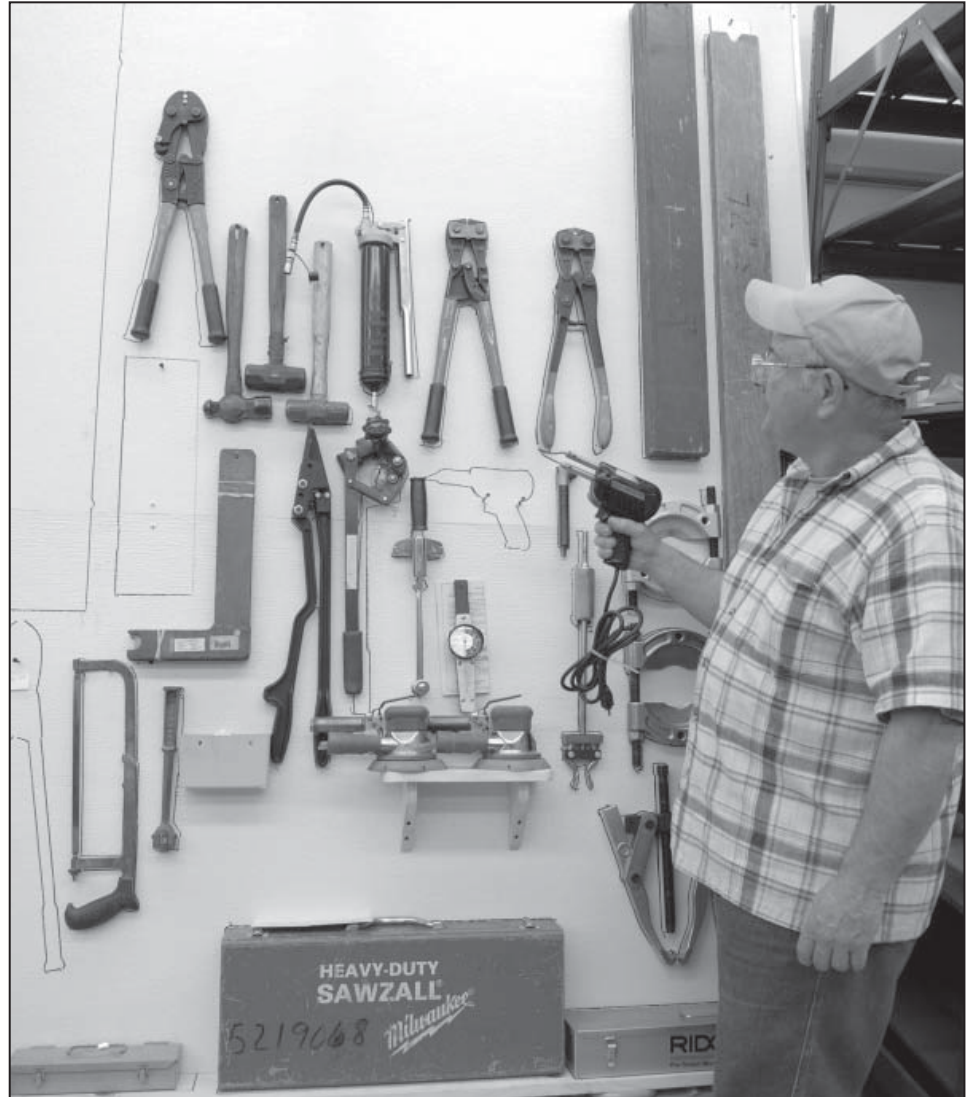
Set-up time on the machines has reduced drastically, according to Paul Hartz, Machining Branch chief. Hartz noted that workers gained as many as two hours on individual tasks after implementing the suggested changes.

For instance, several tool stations were strategically placed around the work area for easy access by the machine operators. And, to help track all the tools in the tool crib, employees have to sign for and return them when finished.

"Everyone seems pleased with the results," Hartz said. "It's been great to see the shop evolve; become more efficient."

It has taken about a year to put the basic steps of 6S into practice. During this time, employees discovered that waste in processes, unnecessary movement and excessive inventory were hampering how well the shop operated.

"We found things that didn't belong in the tool crib and items that were no longer serviceable or old," Reddington said. "Now there's a place for everything and everything in its place."



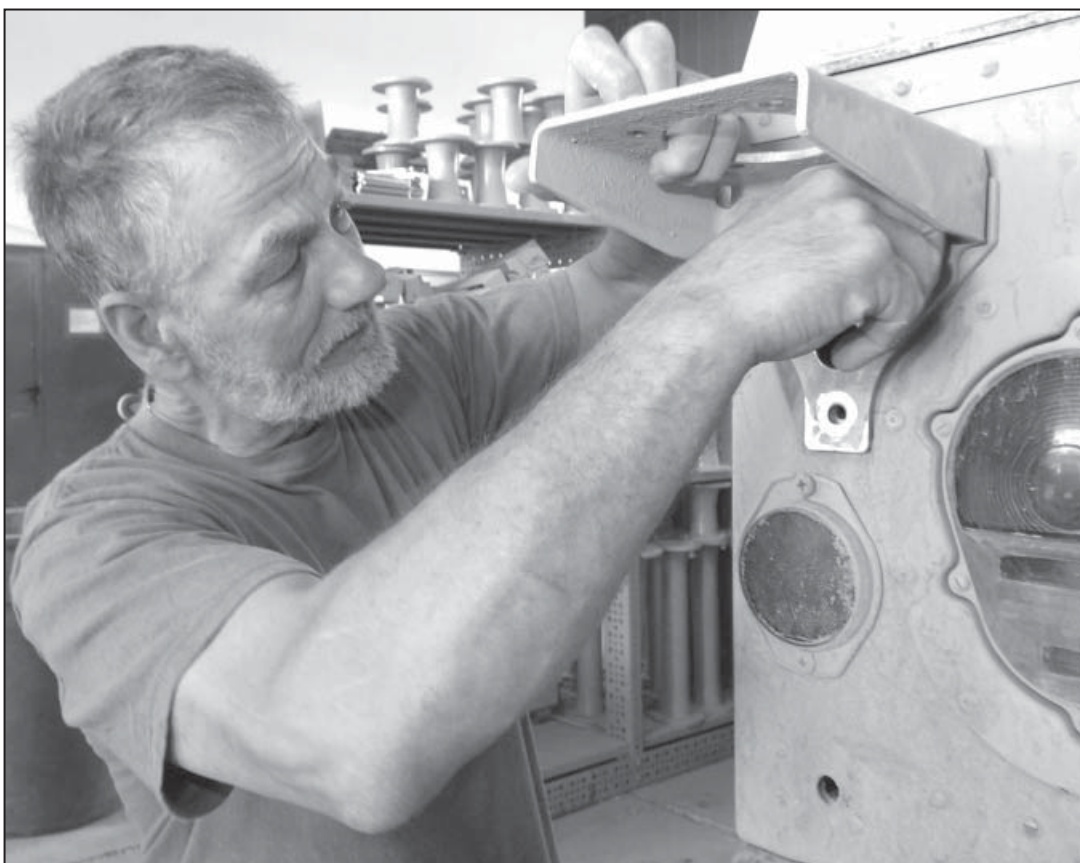
Ron Reddington's idea to use shadow boards and other visual management techniques helped organize the 25,000 tools found in the machine shop. (Photos by Tony Medici)

The shadow boards outline where the tools go and hundreds of drawers are labeled for easy recognition. The depot also reinstated the earlier practice of designating tool crib attendants to maintain the inventory, and distribute and retrieve parts and tools.

"To me, this is what Lean is all about," said Mike Sudimak, industrial engineer in the Productivity, Improvement and Innovation Directorate's Research and Analysis Division.

"It's about people following through with an idea to make their work area, and subsequently the depot, run smoother, save time and save money."

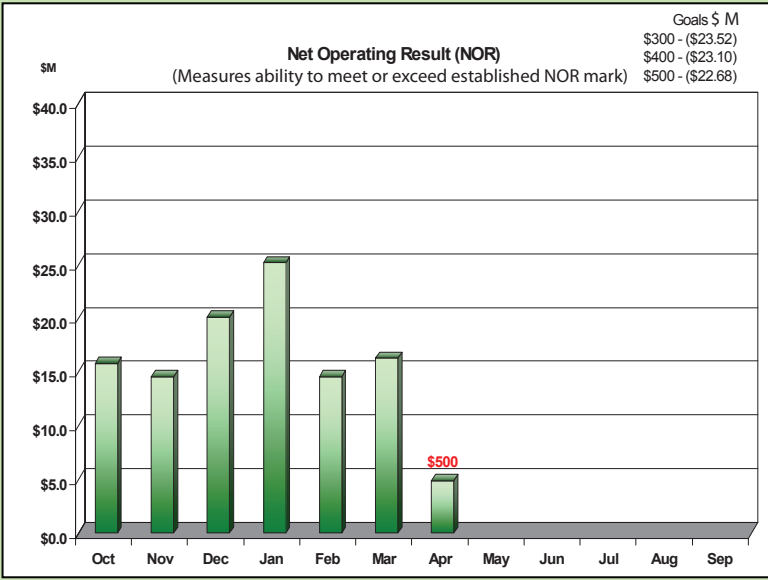
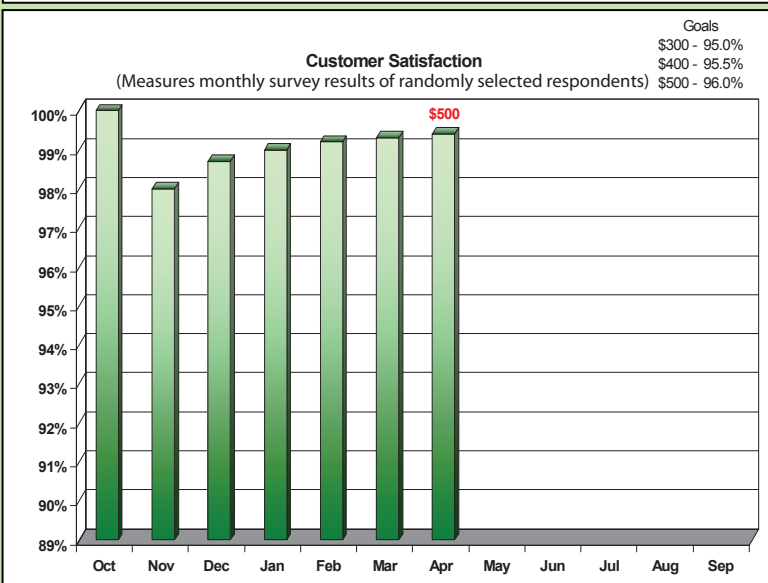
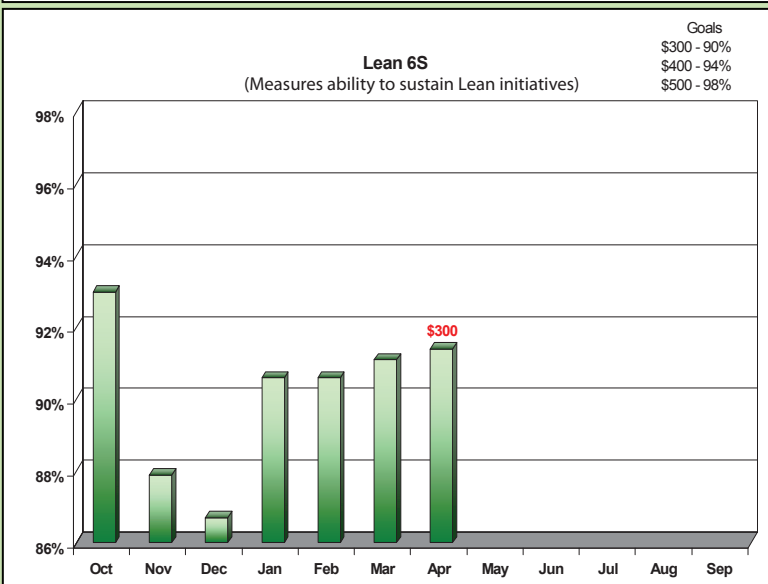
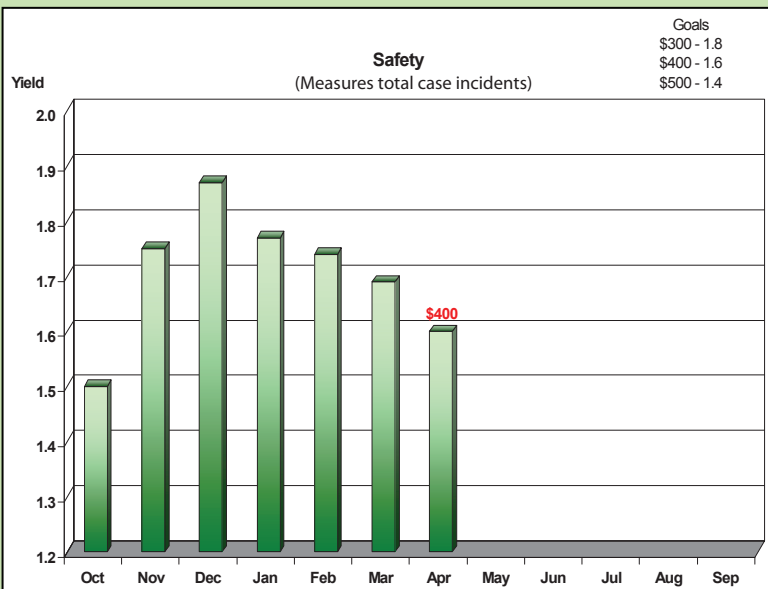
Sudimak hopes others will follow Reddington's example of taking an idea and seeing if it works. "Lean is about teaching and giving employees the tools and techniques, knowledge and ability to do it on their own," he added.



Supporting the troops 'over there'

Left, Edmund Maron places an antenna bracket on the rear driver side corner of a Humvee. Maron, an air conditioning equipment mechanic assigned to the Public Works Directorate's Facilities Maintenance Division, is deployed to Iraq. Top, field service representatives also deployed from Tobyhanna Army Depot prep a Humvee before installing a Warlock electronic counter-measure system. From left: Rick McAuliffe, electronic integrated systems mechanic, Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate; Edmund Maron; Barry Ritter, electronics mechanic, Signal Intelligence/Electronic Warfare Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate, and Robert Saxton, electronics worker, Signal Intelligence/Electronic Warfare Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. (Photos by Steve Grzedzinski)

EMPLOYEE PAYOUT AWARD—METRICS MEASURED



Teamwork pays

by Robert Edmunds
Resource Management Directorate

The employee payout award is now based on performance in four areas rather than just the depot's financial performance as defined by the annual Net Operating Result (NOR).

Successful performance in all four areas could also result in an increased payout for eligible personnel.

The Depot Employee Group Award payout will now be determined via the depot's standing in four metrics: Safety, Lean 6S, Customer Satisfaction and Net Operating Result.

The revision was made to reflect diverse factors that more accurately reflect the depot's business and more equitably rewards performance. Each of the four metrics has a payout potential of \$500 for a potential maximum payout of \$2,000.

They will be tracked monthly, but payout will be determined by cumulative annual results, which reflects a more balanced and participative methodology.

If the fiscal year ended on April 30, the award would amount to \$1,700 per employee. The breakdown of how we are doing against the stretch goals in each of the four areas is provided in the charts.

The amounts depicted in the charts to the left represent a "projected payout" based on the depot standing against the stretch goals as of April 30. The final award amount will be determined by the cumulative status in each of the four areas at the end of this fiscal year.

Note that for the Lean 6S metric, only cumulative data from June through September 2008 will be used to determine the payout portion for that area. Due to the recent changes to the

assessment format for that area (earlier this fiscal year), a "fresh start," commencing in June, will give all organizations a realistic chance of achieving the stretch goals identified for Lean 6S.

Employees are urged to keep in mind some of those things mentioned during the employee cascade brief given the week of May 11 that can help us achieve our goals and increase our potential depot award. For example:

- Help prevent injuries due to trips and falls by keeping the workplace neat and orderly.
- Wear personnel protective equipment as required in the daily performance of your duties.
- Remove unneeded items from your work center so you can locate what you need quickly without searching.
- Return items to their correct location and ensure those locations are clearly labeled. Then tools and other supplies will be ready and available when needed and it is easily recognizable when something is either out of place or missing.
- Stay productive within your work center. Make sure that productivity resonates throughout your work area.
- Use Home Team meetings to brainstorm improvement behaviors specific to your work center.
- Order the correct quantity of material to complete an order. Remember, over-ordering has hidden inventory charges that negatively impact the NOR.
- Return "excess" material from the shop floor to the inventory system so it can be used on other orders.

As mentioned in the depot employee award briefing, monthly updates will be published in the *Tobyhanna Reporter* to show the current status of the group award.

FSRs deploy, support Soldiers using devices that identify locals, distinguish friend from foe

by Jennifer Caprioli
Staff Writer

Depot Field Support Representatives (FSR) are now providing Soldiers with training, troubleshooting and upgrades for Handheld Interagency Identification Detection Equipment (HIIDE) in Southwest Asia.

HIIDEs are portable devices that combine iris, fingerprint and face biometrics to help determine an individual's identity. Biometrics is the science and technology of measuring and analyzing biological data. HIIDEs are being used to identify Iraqi and Afghani citizens to distinguish friend from foe.

An individual's irises are captured from left to right, all 10 digits are recorded for fingerprints, and their face is captured as if they were having a photo taken. Biographical data such as first and last name,



A Soldier demonstrates how to record a person's fingerprint using the Handheld Interagency Identification Detection Equipment (HIIDE). (U.S. Army photo)

street address, state, zip code, gender and date of birth is also collected to accompany the biometrics. This information is saved to a database called the Biometric Automated Toolset System.

There are several thousand HIIDEs in theater, and they

have been in the field for over a year, says Alex Radkiewicz, a logistics management specialist in the Business Management Directorate's Commodity Management Division.

Before the arrival of the

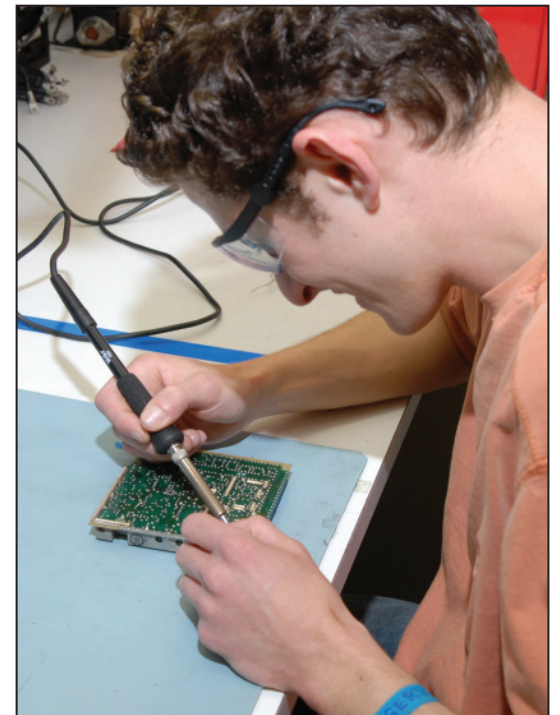
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AROUND THE DEPOT



Dale Stine, an electronics mechanic, de-solders an electronic component on an A1 circuit card assembly as part of the SH-60 Navy Sea Hawk "Tip to Tail" program.



Frank Gervasi, an electronics intern, replaces a capacitor on a receiver subassembly circuit card for the Air Force's AN/ARC-186 Receiver/Transmitter.



Flight Control Systems Branch

Command, Control, Computers/
Avionics Directorate

The division's 46 employees overhaul, repair, modify and test airborne ultra high frequency, very high frequency FM and AM, and high frequency radios, as well as intercoms, air data transducers, airspeed indicators, altimeters, flight line test sets and flight control stabilization systems in support of UH-60 Black Hawk and other rotary wing aircraft. The branch supports CECOM LCMC, Aviation and Missile Command, Air Force, Foreign Military Sales, and Navy programs. In addition, the branch supports several repair and return programs. The Flight Control Systems Branch has overhauled more than 850 AN/ARC-186 Air Force Receiver/Transmitters this year in addition to hundreds of related sub-assemblies. The branch also has a significant radio workload for the Army version of the AN/ARC-186 and AN/ARC-220 Receiver/Transmitters.



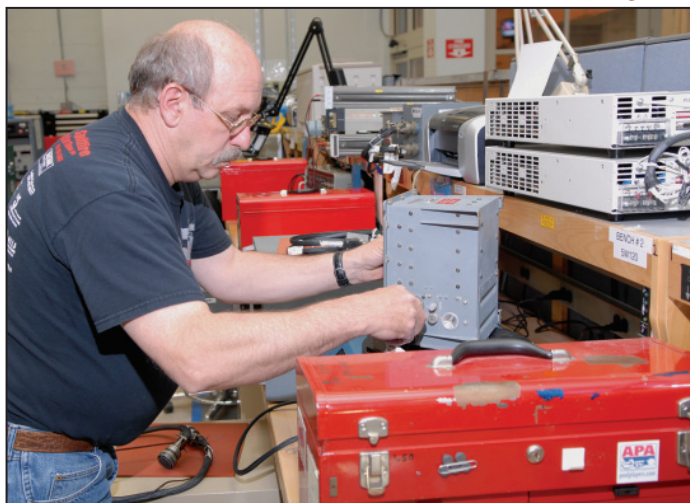
Angela Dalmas, a SCEP student, replaces a lamp module on a Pilot Display Unit, which is part of the UH-60 Black Hawk's Vertical Instrument Display System.



John Lywiski, an electronics mechanic, uses an automated test set to adjust an AN/ARC-186 Receiver/Transmitter during a final test procedure.



James Filipowich, an electronics worker, runs a final test procedure on a UH-60 Black Hawk's C-10998 Mode Selector Panel.



John Bridge, an electronics mechanic, positions a Stabilator Amplifier on a rate table for diagnostic testing.



Christine Harmady, an electronics mechanic, changes a faulty switch on a C-10909 Stabilator Flight Control Panel used in a Black Hawk.



Robert Dusseault, an electronics mechanic, performs a self-diagnostic test on an ARC/220 High Frequency Receiver/Transmitter

Photos by Tony Medici

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Vincent Bardsley	Electronics worker	D/SIS
Benjamin Bray	Management analyst	D/BM
Ronald Cruz	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Kathryn Cuff	Security specialist	D/IRM
Scott Hamilton	Production controller	D/PM
Dale Harrison	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Scott Hines	Production controller	D/PM
Michael Holtzman	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Joseph Hutchins	Production controller	D/PM
James Lawrie	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Radhiah Moore	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Lawrence Ritz	Electronics worker	D/CS
John Santiago	Equipment cleaner	D/SIS
John Spencer	Production cleaner	D/PM
Mahn Tran	Electronics worker	D/CS
Josef Wagunak	Electronics org. comp. mechanic	D/C3/Avionics

STEP STUDENTS

David Adamitis	Electronics worker	D/CS
Katrina Bechthold	Clerk	D/CS
Timothy Bennett	Engineering aide	D/PW
Mark Buonomo	Clerk	D/IRM
Rachel Burger	Clerk	D/ISR
Matthew Carlson	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Jeffrey Fruehan	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
David Gardner	Engineering aid	D/PED
Anne Gregory	Clerk	D/IRM
Stephen Hepner	Engineering aide	D/PED
Joseph Jaffer	Computer clerk	D/IM
Eric Kelly	Laborer	D/DPW
Adam Mader	Laborer	D/PW
Jonathan Medash	Engineering aide	D/PW
John Novak	Clerk	D/ISR
Dennis Pasternak	Engineering aide	D/PW
Jordan Peters	Clerk	D/CS
Renee Rozaieski	Engineering aide	D/PE
William Ruddy	Computer clerk	D/IM
Mark Sandy	Management analyst	D/PM
Jonathan Silva	Electronics worker	D/CS
Robert Slusher	Engineering aide	D/PE
Caitlin Teator	Clerk	D/PM
John Tech	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Nicholas Tessitore-Samoleski	Engineering aide	D/PE
Stephanie Thomas	Clerk	D/PE
Thomas Yanochko	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Nicole Yanochko	Engineering aide	D/PE

SCEP STUDENTS

Edward Andrukitis	Electronics worker	D/CS
Frank Barnosky	Information technician	D/PE
Jason Berlinski	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Sean Bovier	Engineering technician	D/PE
Michael Boyko	Electronics worker	D/CS
Vincent Burney	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Brian Carpenter	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Jason Cecchine	Electronics worker	D/CS
Ryan Cerulli	Electronics worker	D/CS
Floyd Chappel	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Joseph Dohman	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Erich Drexler	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Brian Ferry	Engineering draftman	D/PW
William Fobes	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Chris Foersch	Engineering draftman	D/PII
Chase Gardner	Electronics engineer	D/PE
Glenn Gardner	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Kyle Gensel	Electronics worker	D/CS
Meagann Grabko	Electronics worker	D/CS
Forrest Green	Carpenter helper	D/PW

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Allenton, Bethlehem:** 2 opening, car, 3:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., call Rick Adamchick, X56237.
- **Pittston:** 1 opening, van, 6 passengers, 5/4/9, both Fridays, leaves Mount Carmel Church on William and Broad streets, contact Linda Cohen, X57362 or Linda.cohen@us.army.mil or Damian Szumski, X55719.
- **Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., first Friday, A placard/handicap, call Richard Pomictier, X59343.
- **White Haven:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, nonsmoking, call David Swankosky, X9467.
- **Windgap:** 7 openings, new van pool, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call Crista Fretz, X58751.
- **Wyoming, Pittston, Avoca:** 10 openings, Parrish bus, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. shift, nonsmoking, pick up points are the Pittston Plaza, Gerritys in West Pittston, Midway Shopping Center in Wyoming, Convenience Store in Avoca, and A&A Auto at the bottom of 502, call Bob, X56845 or Tony, X57507.
- **Chapman Lake, Montdale, Childs, Jessup:** 2 openings, van, 6 passengers, 5/4/9, both Fridays, call Randy, X59752 or Bob, X58632.
- **Lakeville, Ledgedale, Greentown:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, route 590, call Sheperd Shelden, X58947 or shepherd.shelden@us.army.mil.

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the FRA. "This saves Soldiers about two months in turnaround time," he says.

"We receive about 50 percent of the radios from Iraq," Burridge said.

They also receive equipment from Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Drum, N.Y., he adds.

• **Dupont, Avoca, Moosic:** 1 opening, van, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., call Janice, X56269.

• **Kingston, Forty-Fort, Luzerne, Swoyersville:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, nonsmoking, departs Thomas Market in Kingston at 6 a.m., both Fridays, call Pete, X58164.

• **Scranton, Minooka:** 2 openings, van, call Joe Pakutka, X56944.

• **Olyphant:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. shift, non-smoking, call Ed, X57328.



TRADING POST

• **Refrigerator:** Stainless steel, Kitchen Aid, top freezer, ice maker, built-in water dispenser, pull-out shelves, 21 cu. ft., asking \$800, call 780-3743 for details.

• **Vehicle:** 2001Ford F150 SuperCab XLT, 62k miles, 2WD, V-6, auto trans, 22mpg highway, Rhino liner, access roll-up tonneau cover, tube (side) steps, keyless entry, maintenance records available, no accidents, nonsmoker, very clean interior, always in garage, red with gray interior, transferable extended warranty, asking \$9,750, call Jeff, 690-8140.

• **Vehicle:** 1995, Dodge Dakota, extra cab, 4x4, 5.2L v-8, auto, P/W, PDL, cruise, A/C, new paint and graphics, new trans, new brakes including drums, rotors, lines, hoses, hardware, E brake cables, shoes and pads, new tires, new Dynamaz high flow exhaust, new tonneau cover, new ball joints and idler/pitman arms, new fuel pump, new rear bumper, runs great, asking \$4,800, contact Mark, 561-5978 or for pictures e-mail yellowt1@epix.net.

• **House:** 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, country home in Gouldsboro, wrap-around porch, patio, year-round lake views, gourmet kitchen, great room, foyer with open staircase, large pantry with work area, economic oil hot water heat, custom built-in wall unit in living room, all appliances included, detached 1 car garage and large garden shed, asking \$235,000, call 842-6965.

• **Fireplace:** Vent free Compact Gas (LP) fireplace with wooden mantel, comfort glow, 14,000 to 26,000 BTU, \$300 and vent free gas stove (LP), Ritetemp model RTL300TQ, 20,000 to 30,000 BTU, \$150, call 289-8799.

• **Vehicle:** 1994 Mazda 626 DX, very reliable, loaded with options, new tires, excellent mechanical condition, asking \$2,200, call Justine, 894-9474.

Next, employees rebuild the shelter with the refurbished equipment and test it.

The repair cycle time takes 60-90 days to complete and goes through eight different inspections during that time. The final inspection is performed after the TRC-190 system is mounted to the Humvee.

HOW ARE WE DOING?



TOBYHANNA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

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CAREER MILESTONE



From left, Raymond Krzak, William Clark, deputy commander Frank Zardecki and Nicholas Mozal attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held May 21. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Three Tobyhanna employees were recognized for their years of government service during the May 21 Length of Service Ceremony.

William Clark—35 years, supply technician, Materiel Management Division, Production Management Directorate.

Raymond Krzak—35 years, electronics equipment inspector, Quality Improvement Division, Productivity, Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

Nicholas Mozal—30 years, material handler

leader, Communications Security Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

In addition to their service certificates and pins, employees with 35 years of service receive an engraved mantel clock and 30-year honorees receive a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot.

Honorees who attended their Length of Service ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award. Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki presented the awards.

NEW DIVISION CHIEF

Ashley Haynes is the chief, Security Division, Industrial Risk Management Directorate.

He supervises employees who formulate, direct, and manage the execution of physical security and force protection activities, law enforcement, crisis management, and anti-terrorism programs and policies.

Prior to Haynes's current position, he was the operations officer for the division.

He began his career at Tobyhanna in March 2005.

Haynes served six years in the Army and was stationed in Germany as a military police officer.



Haynes

He deployed to Kosovo for four months and served as driver and personnel security detail for Maj. Gen. John Abizaid. He served as the lead criminal investigator at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. While there, he responded to and aided in the recovery efforts on Sept. 11, 2001.

He received numerous awards while on active duty. His civilian awards include New York City Federal Executive Board Distinguished Civilian Employee of the Year for 2005, and an Army Achievement medal for civilian service.

Haynes graduated from Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School, Carsonville, Mich., in 1995.

He and his wife, Amy, reside in Tobyhanna. They are the parents of 7-month-old Hunter.

Haynes enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his son.

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FSRs, depot Forward Repair Activities located in Southwest Asia supported the program by serving as direct exchange sites for the HIIDE program.

Through visits and meetings with personnel from the Army Space Program Office (ASPO), Radkiewicz introduced this mission to the depot. He said the depot was fulfilling an important role in supporting this program by providing FSRs.

HIIDEs were purchased and fielded as a quick-reaction initiative to get critical capabilities into the hands of the Soldier. As a result, there wasn't time to put normal maintenance and support processes in place or time to train Soldiers in its use at Army schools. Depot FSRs are helping to fill those gaps, he adds.

In April, five depot employees attended one week of HIIDE training at ASPO in Alexandria, Va., followed by another week of hands-on training at SecuriMetrics Inc. in

Martinez, Calif. They were trained on how to transfer data to and from the HIIDE and how to work the Biometric Automated Toolset System.

"Each FSR found the training interesting and we've received nothing but good feedback from them about it," says Rich Sokoloski, Forward Repair Activity project officer, Forward Repair Activity Division, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

Their duties include traveling to units to provide one-for-one exchange of the HIIDE device, provide training, and troubleshoot the devices.

They attempt to resolve troubleshooting issues, but if they cannot repair it they will exchange the device for a working one. They also distribute new software and provide upgrades to the HIIDEs. While with the units, they will formulate future plans so all HIIDEs receive new software upgrades/patches.

"It's helpful if the FSRs have prior experience with computerized systems; but because complete training

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Christopher Grzedzinski	Electronics worker	D/CS
Jerome Henehan	Electronics worker	D/CS
Martin Hogan	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Devin Hudachek	Electronics worker	D/CS
Christopher Helcoski	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Charles Janus	Electronics worker	D/CS
Adam Jones	Management analyst	D/PM
Joseph Kane	Electronics worker	D/CS
Trevor Keleher	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
William Kester	Electronics worker	D/CS
Neil Kresge	Environmental protection	D/IRM
Jeffrey Kushmerick	Engineering draftman	D/PE
Jeremy Kuzmiak	Engineering draftman	D/PE
Mark Landmesser	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Daren Matylewicz	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Joseph Mazza	Environmental protection	D/IRM
Benjamin McGuire	Management analyst	D/PM
Mikael Mead	Engineering draftman	D/PE
Brad Mullen	Electronics worker	D/CS
Amanda Oziemblo	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Conon Pacini	Electronics worker	D/CS
Donald Perrin	Electronics worker	D/CS
Bryan Prisco	Carpenter helper	D/SIS
Preston Propes	Machinist worker	D/SIS
Louis Roberts	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Michael Rudick	Electronics worker	D/CS
Paul Rusin	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Gary Satunas	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Nathan Schmidt	Info tech	D/PE
Doreen Scott	Electronics worker	D/CS
Brandon Sherry	Electronics worker	D/CS
Brian Skawinski	Electronics worker	D/CS
Christopher Snouffer	Electronics worker	D/CS
Brian Stubbs	Management analyst	D/CS
Jonathan Terry	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Daniel Tice	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Jonathon Verdetto	Electronics worker	D/CS
Richard Wells	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Aaron Whitaker	Electronics worker	D/CS
Jeremy Woellner	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Kyle Thomas	Electronics worker	D/CS
Justin Zahornacky	Electronics worker	D/CS
Ross Zanghi	Electronics worker	D/CS
Gregory Zielinski	Electronics worker	D/CS

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is provided, they don't need any specialized skills," says Radkiewicz.

When a damaged HIIDE device is brought to an FSR, they automatically provide the unit with another HIIDE. They will test the device and attempt to duplicate the problem so they can repair it. If no damage is evident, the FSR will store the HIIDE device until it is needed by another unit.

"Equipment is prepositioned at each site, so if repairs cannot be completed they will have a direct exchange," says Sokoloski. If testing reveals damage, the FSR will ship the device to the lead FSR, who will ship it to the Original Equipment Manufacturer for repair.

"If the Soldiers have complications, we'll be there to help them," explains Sokoloski.

Sokoloski and Radkiewicz agree that the biggest challenge with this mission was finding volunteers to quickly deploy to Southwest Asia. They hope this program will encourage other employees to consider volunteering for deployment.

Military spouses spend a day at the spa

by **Jacqueline Boucher**
Assistant Editor

Tobyhanna's Army Community Service Program sponsored the 2nd Annual Military Spouse Appreciation "Spa" Day luncheon at the Landing May 13.

Sixteen women spent the day getting free manicures, facials and makeovers from local cosmetology students and beauty consultants.

"It was a truly special day," said Kelly Osborn.

In an effort to draw attention to the personal sacrifices of the men and women of the armed forces and their families, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month. Each year the president encourages people to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

"I applaud the military for recognizing the spouse," said Nicole Nelson, Army Family Team Building Program Manager. "They make sacrifices without really realizing it; they just do what needs to be done."

Military spouses living on and off the installation were invited to sign up for three hours of pampering provided by the Bon-

ton department store in Stroudsburg, the Stroudsburg School of Cosmetology and Stephen Cosmetics in Swiftwater.

Five cosmetology students and an instructor were eager to come back to the depot, according to Nelson, explaining that the school participated in last year's spa day. Three beauty consultants provided facials and applied makeup during the event. The cosmetics company donated gift bags.

"The spa day was super," said Mary Lou O'Hara. "I came home with some new make up ideas and new friends."

She added that her fingernails looked great and it was nice just to relax and have fun for a few hours.

"The luncheon was wonderfully planned and truly made everyone feel appreciated for all the sacrifices they have made in support of their spouse," said Tara Hopkins.

Nelson plans to continue offering a special event each year to recognize the contributions of the military spouse. She hopes the event's popularity continues to grow among members of the intended audience as well as local sponsors.

"The Military Spouse Appreciation Day was fantastic," said Lori Talley. "Let's do it all again next year!"



Gayla Debonise gets a manicure from a cosmetology student during the annual spa day at The Landing.



Nionna Jackson, right, learns some new tricks to applying makeup from a local beauty consultant. (Photos by Tony Medici)



Sixteen women participated in Tobyhanna's second Military Spouse Appreciation "Spa" Day.

Improved Iraqi forces contribute to four-year violence low

by **John J. Kruzel**
American Forces Press Service

Last week, Iraq experienced the lowest level of "security incidents" since March 2004, a reduction that military officials attribute in part to improvements in Iraqi security forces.

"The collective efforts ... to increase the capacity of the Iraqi security forces is a key part of the reason why we saw last week the lowest level of security incidents in Iraq the past four years," Army Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner, a Multinational Force Iraq spokesman, said May 28 during a news conference in Baghdad.

"It is also why we are seeing Iraqi citizens increasingly supporting their security forces by calling in tips on criminal activity and illegal weapons," Bergner continued. "And it is why we are seeing the Iraqi security forces conducting effective operations in Basra, Mosul and Baghdad to enforce the rule of law."

Army Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik, commander of Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq, said he and other officials tasked with building and training the national security forces in Iraq are seeing continued progress.

"The last 12 months have witnessed a marked decrease in violence, along with a corresponding increase in the capability, professionalism and effectiveness of the Iraqi security forces," he told reporters during the news conference.

The media have devoted much attention to the temporary 33,000-troop surge announced last year, which military officials have praised for helping tamp down violence in Iraq, Dubik said. But equally important, he added, is the complementary surge in the numbers and overall quality of the Iraqi forces.

Since June 2007, the Iraqi army has added 52,000 soldiers, the air force has expanded by 21 aircraft, and Iraq's special operations forces have increased by 1,400

personnel. At the same time, the nation's armed forces have dramatically increased their ability to sustain and replenish themselves, Dubik said.

"Last year at this time, the Iraqi army had only about 2,500 up-armored Humvees; right now it's almost 3,200, and by the end of this year, there will be over 6,200 up-armored Humvees in the army alone," he said, adding that the Iraqi air force increased its number of sorties over the same time from 30 weekly missions to 225.

Since this time last year, Iraqi security forces have grown by about 46,000 Iraqi police members and 15,000 Iraqi national police, Dubik said. As the forces swell, the Interior Ministry has made a "concerted effort" to ensure the members are trained to comport themselves professionally at the national and provincial levels.

"This has contributed greatly to an increase in confidence in the people that the police are to serve and protect," he added. "I'm very proud to be a partner in this endeavor."