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MDL Wins Letterkenny Army Depot Supplier of the Year Award 2009



Congressman Bill Shuster, Bette Slayton, President of BCDA, COL Steven Shapiro, Commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, Doug Lingsch, President of MDL, MG James Myles, US Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command

On May 28, 2009, COL Steven Shapiro, Commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, presented MDL Manufacturing with the Letterkenny Supplier of the Year award, during the fourth annual Letterkenny Business Opportunity Showcase.

The award recognized the significance of MDL's production efforts and their contribution that assisted in the manufacturing and fabrication capabilities performed at LEAD. Depot Commander COL Steven Shapiro said that MDL has impacted Letterkenny's resources and supply in various ways including production of 15,000 Rhinos and Gunner Protection Kits, and work in the Allied trade shop.

"The Rhino is a small box with the function to pre-detonate any passive infrared improvised explosive devices that come along," Shapiro said "We get Rhinos back from the field with holes in them and pictures of soldiers with them stating that this Rhino saved my life."

The Supplier of the Year award further recognized the significance and direct impact that MDL's products military equipment has had on the lives of many soldiers. Another development from MDL consisted of Gunner Protection Kits. These kits provide a bullet proof glass shield to act as a source of greater protection for soldiers on the top of HMMVEE and MMRAP vehicles.

This depot is responsible for saving hundreds of soldiers' lives, according to Major General James Myles Commanding General of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. "Through the work of 50 guys we have changed the way we do business in Iraq and Afghanistan" Myles said.

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MDL Team: Renee Fitzpatrick, Andy Anderson, Doug Lingsch, COL Steven Shapiro, Larry McClanahan and Frank Ferguson

OFI Spotlight

Opportunity For Improvement spotlights Carlos "Smitty" Smith developed and submitted an OFI when the question was raised regarding the tracking and storage of raw material left over from a contract.



Problem: Leftover and extra raw material was being stock piled and put back on the shelf without identification numbers tracing it back to the heat lot and material certifications.

Solution: A method was developed to identify and trace stock raw material via the "Material Reference Log". This allows easy tracking on all incoming material, which includes all the pertinent information regarding incoming material and shelf location. Now it can be identified, tracked and certified for future use with correct material certifications. All surplus stock is permanently

marked with a numeric identification number and stored in an identified area.

- Benefits:** This log has allowed White Plains (WP) to save time and money:
- Reduced lead-time on deliveries
 - Utilization of surplus raw stock
 - Eliminated non-value added activities
 - Correct material can be released to the floor for fabrication
 - Reduced space taken to store unidentified material
 - All material accounted for

Butt Out, For Good!

Three MDL employees are taking advantage of the Wellness Program at work by participating in an 8-week smoking cessation class. The program is designed to: Strengthen their determination to quit; Learn to handle situations which trigger their smoking; Identify health substitutions for smoking; And, develop individual plans for dealing with physical, social, and emotional aspects of quitting smoking. We hope the best of success in the effort to quit.



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Employee Spotlight



June will mark the 13th year of service for Larry McClanahan, MDL's Vice President. Larry, a vo-tech graduate who studied welding, was hired on the day he graduated from high school as a Shop Helper. He was thrilled to have a job and thought nothing more than that and eventually, the job grew into a career—Larry has held many positions within the company: Helper, Welder, Laser Technician, Laser and Punch Programmer, Sheet Metal Department Supervisor, Plant Manager, and now, Vice President. He's been with MDL during most of its growth spurts. Larry views the company to be his home and the people, his family—he truly loves working at MDL. For that, we are thankful to have Larry as a team leader.

Did you know?

In 2009, MDL replaced its inefficient 400W metal halide fixtures with new, brighter, four-lamp T5HO florescent fixtures, each equip with occupancy sensor. The new lights use half the electricity yet produce 20% more light. The objective is to reduce energy consumption of the lighting system and maintain adequate light levels according to tasks being performed with automated controls for any areas that make financial sense.



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