

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT

PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION

Letterkenny Army Depot, located in the Cumberland Valley of south-central Pennsylvania, is surrounded by Franklin County. The depot is 54 miles southwest of Harrisburg, PA and 32 miles northeast of Hagerstown, MD. The northwestern part of the installation is mountainous – enveloped in the forests of the Appalachian foothills, which compose the valley's slopes. The valley widens and flattens to rolling hills in the major portion of the depot. The Borough of Chambersburg is 3.6 miles from the southern fence line. To the east, south, and west, the installation is bordered by farmland. The north is bordered by forest. Letterkenny is subject to all four seasons, and weather varies from hot, humid summers to cold, snowy winters.

SIZE

Acres: 18,684.43

Square Footage of Buildings: 5,550,529 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$1,018,545,000

HISTORY

Due to its location to power, water, transportation hubs, and available workforce, Letterkenny Army Depot was established in 1942 by the War Department to store and ship ammunition, trucks, parts, and supplies. In 1946 the vehicle maintenance mission was added. In 1953 Nike missile repair missions were added, followed shortly thereafter by Air Force missile missions. Maintenance missions continued to diversify and grow with overhaul of tanks, artillery, and tactical vehicles being added. Depot Systems Command, Headquartered at the depot, named the installation the Center of Technical Excellence for PATRIOT, Short Range Air Defense Systems (SHORAD), and PALADIN M109A6 Howitzer. Letterkenny Army Depot developed the principal of Private-Public Partnering by establishing PALADIN joint production on-site between the depot and United Defense. As missile missions began to grow and missile technology improved, DoD in 1993, capitalized on the expertise of the depot's missile programs by consolidating missile maintenance and establishing the DOD Tactical Missile Maintenance Center at the installation. BRAC subsequently transferred the artillery and combat vehicle missions and dissolved DESCOM. Letterkenny remains the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for (CITE) Air Defense and Tactical Missile System Ground Support Equipment.

MISSIONS

As CITE for Air Defense and Tactical Missile System Ground Support Equipment, the installation is home to PATRIOT maintenance as well as other missile systems such as Avenger, TOW, MLRS AFCS, Hellfire, and Dragon. The Munitions Center is the home of

USAF and USN Intermediate Maintenance for Air-to-Air and Air-to-Ground Missiles as well as the only Recertification and Maintenance Depot for Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS). The newest missions include depot support for USSOCOM, JPEO for Chemical and Biological Defense, and TACOM Soldier Systems Support Center. Letterkenny provides rebuild, repair, and modification for Ground Mobility Vehicles, specialized Special Operations vehicles, Biological Integrated Detection Systems, Force Provider, Mobile Kitchens, Containerized Chapels, and various Soldier Support Systems. The depot provides Depot Technical Assistance Teams in the current AOR. The depot provides overhaul and repair of power generation equipment and provides mobile repair teams for on-site maintenance assistance to CONUS units preparing to deploy to the AOR. The installation is the home to the 99th Reserve Readiness Command's Equipment Redistribution Center and Ammunition Supply Point and provides invaluable training to 99th RRC personnel. Letterkenny is a preeminent site for shipping ordnance, missiles, and munitions. The installation lies four miles north of I-81, and thirteen miles south of I-76. It is an Inland Node to the Military Strategic Seaport Philadelphia. The depot is the closest Army depot to the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, NC. Letterkenny is located between two military airfields, the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Harrisburg, PA (53 miles) and the 167 Airlift Wing Martinsburg, WV (55 miles). The 167th AW is converting to C-5 aircraft.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

- Defense Information Systems Agency
- Letterkenny Munitions Center
- 99th Reserve Readiness Command
- Industrial Logistics Systems Office
- Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE Support Region One & TMDE Support Center)
- Computer Science Corporation
- L3 Communications

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	2
Civilian	1,420
Contractor	322
Student	0
Other	120
TOTAL	1,864