

Redstone generals visit depot for tour, technical update

Letterkenny showcases sites for Urias and Dodgen

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Maj. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer for air and missile defense, visited Letterkenny Army Depot on Oct. 17 for an overview and tour of the depot's capabilities.

Col. Bill Guinn, depot commander, accompanied the general on his visit to the Electronics Repair Shop where recapitalization work is performed on Patriot. Urias saw technicians working on Avenger and other missile systems. He was also shown depot developed procedures to repair and reclaim damaged circuit cards and how new plastic prototyping equipment was being used to reduce the time required to remanufacture critical missile cables and wiring harnesses.

In the Allied Trades Building, Urias examined work Letterkenny is doing to modify Humvees for Army Special Forces' use and observed efforts in constructing and integrating biological detection systems.

Before departing, Urias praised Letterkenny's work force for its technical competence and commitment to quality. He said that the depot's efforts were substantially improving Army readiness.

About a month earlier, Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, visited the depot and toured the Munitions Center and open burning/open detonation zone.



Courtesy photo
PERFECT FIT— Maj. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer for air and missile defense, tests the fit of an antenna element into a Patriot phased array radar.

He received an update on Patriot recapitalization by David Goodman, director of maintenance, before inspecting the homeland defense work done on Special Forces vehicles.

Dodgen was briefed on how Letterkenny is implementing Lean Manufacturing concepts then visited building 417, newly renovated to house soldiers providing the depot force protection.

Before departing, Dodgen was briefed by Guinn on a variety of issues currently under way.



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ON TOUR— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, inspects cable and wiring harnesses during a visit to Letterkenny Army Depot on Sept. 19. With him are David Goodman, left, director of maintenance, and Col. William Guinn, depot commander.

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