

# Tobyhanna Army Depot offers civilian careers

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**T**OBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — If you are separating or retiring from the Army with electronics and related maintenance experience: Tobyhanna Army Depot wants you.

Tobyhanna is the Defense Department's largest maintenance depot for the repair and overhaul of command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, and surveillance and reconnaissance systems. Depot personnel repair, overhaul and test SINCGARS radios, tactical and strategic satellite communications systems, the Fire Finder mortar-detecting radar, aircraft survivability equipment and hundreds of other critical command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems for the Army and other branches of the Armed Forces.

The depot is located in the Pocono Mountains vacation region of northeastern Pennsylvania, about 20 miles southeast of Scranton. It is the region's largest employer with a current strength of about 4,400 personnel. The area is within easy driving distance of New York City, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston. Northeastern Pennsylvania offers a four-season climate, moderate cost of living, excellent schools and low crime rates. As federal employees, Army veterans will receive competitive salaries and benefits, including paid vacations, a health benefits package and a retire-

ment plan. Career-related training also is available.

Soldiers with Military Occupational Skills such as 25C (radio operator/maintainer), 25U (computer repair), 25B (computer system repair), 25Q (network switching systems), 25S (satellite communications), as well as the 35 series for electronics repair, should qualify for electronics maintenance positions at the depot. Overall, Tobyhanna requires more than 130 skills and professions to accomplish its missions: along with electronics skills, the depot requires machinists, sheet metal workers, engineers, quality assurance specialists, and administrative personnel. Tobyhanna also operates 30 forward repair activities at major Army installations worldwide.

Joey Mushinski is one Army veteran beginning a new civilian career at Tobyhanna.

Wounded in action in Iraq in 2003, Mushinski returned home with damage to his spinal cord, and a 90 percent hearing loss in his left ear. Doctors told the 29-year-old Army sergeant he might never walk again.

He fought back with help from family, friends and caregivers to overcome the odds and take control of his life. Today, he wears a hearing aid and moves purposefully around a Tobyhanna electronics facility performing his duties as a quality assurance specialist (electronics).

Following his medical discharge, he was looking for a new way to serve

his country. "I wanted to continue to help the warfighter," he said.

Mushinski was invited to attend a conference sponsored by the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes in the fall of 2004. The coalition was created to provide an easy and meaningful way for individuals, corporations and others to help severely wounded and disabled veterans and their families rebuild their lives.

While attending the coalition conference, he and his wife Natasha met representatives from Tobyhanna, who offered Mushinski the chance to put his Army skills back to work. Tobyhanna repairs and overhauls much of the communications-electronics equipment that Mushinski used on the battlefield.

"Before coming here, I'd felt I had wasted my years in the Army because I wasn't doing what I was trained to do," Mushinski said. "I get to use my knowledge and skills as an operator to help the depot get first-rate equipment to the field."

As a quality assurance specialist, he's responsible for making sure depot technicians have the proper manuals and test equipment to do the job. Mushinski also explained that he checks processes to ensure employees are using the most efficient methods to get systems to where they're needed.

"From an operator's standpoint, I know how important it is to have your SATCOM (satellite communications) work out there in the middle of

nowhere," he said.

A little more than six months after attending the coalition, they packed up, said goodbye to family and embarked on a new life in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, neither had traveled north of Tennessee and knew little of Tobyhanna.

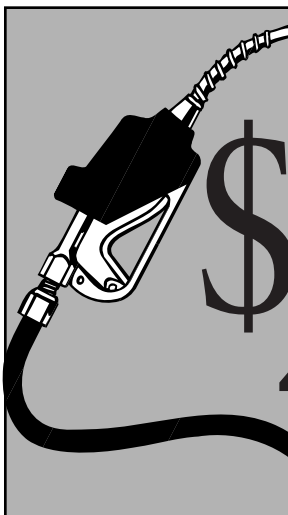
"Overall, I'm glad we decided to move to Tobyhanna. It seems the depot and the local area have a lot to offer Soldiers after their military careers."

"I just fell in love with the place," he said. "It instinctively felt right. Working here keeps me close to the lifestyle to which I'm accustomed."

As a disabled vet, Mushinski said, he's finally found an equally rewarding way to serve his country.

For information on career opportunities at Tobyhanna and information on how separating or retiring military can apply, visit the depot's Web site at [www.tobyhanna.army.mil](http://www.tobyhanna.army.mil) or call 570-895-7292.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is part of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command. Headquartered at Fort Monmouth, N.J., C-E LCMC's mission is to research, develop, acquire, field and sustain communications, command, control computer, intelligence, and electronic warfare and sensors capabilities for the Armed Forces.




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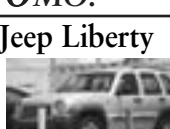

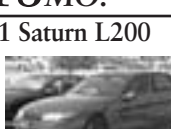

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