Navy Secretary Thanks Oshkosh Defense for Work on JLTV



Master Gunnery Sgt. Kiel Allen directs a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle onto the bow of the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacob Vermeulen

OSHKOSH, Wis. – Oshkosh Defense received a visit from Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, who addressed team members and thanked them for delivering Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps ahead of schedule and below budget. The Bravo Zulu Award they received signifies a "job well done."

"I recently had the pleasure of meeting the general responsible for fielding JLTVs to [II Marine Expeditionary Force] at Camp LeJeune," Spencer said. "He went on to tell me that the teamwork between Oshkosh and the Marines was so cohesive that the only way someone could tell the difference between the two was by the color of their shirts. For that, I thank you all. And please know that the sweat and time put into each vehicle is just the beginning of its life. That vehicle will go on to play a critical role in the Navy's success for decades to come."

"It is a true honor to host Secretary Spencer and introduce him to the men and women who come to work each day focused on delivering the products that allow our warfighters to complete their missions and return home safely," said John Bryant, executive vice president of parent company Oshkosh Corp. and president of Oshkosh Defense.

The JLTV program is in full-rate production and has completed all reliability qualification and performance testing as well as logistics supportability evaluations around the country. In August, the Marine Corps reached Initial Operating

Capability on the vehicle almost a full year ahead of schedule.