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injuries as of June 2.

*Recordable injuries
for fiscal year 2015 are
15. There are zero
recordable injuries as
of June 2.

*Pine Bluff Arsenal
days without a lost
time injury are 21.

*Pine Bluff Arsenal
days without a record-
able injury are 21.

*Estimated hours
worked without a lost
time injury: 103,754

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Senator Cotton visits PBA



Photo above, Larry Wright, Pine Bluff Arsenal's Deputy to the Commander, points out a few of the key commodity products to Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton during a visit May 29, as Roch Byrne, director of Ammunition Operations looks on. This was an orientation visit to the Arsenal for the freshman senator. The visit also included a pyrotechnic demonstration and tours of the White Phosphorus production lines and Quality Evaluation Facility. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Photo left, Justin Young with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology shows Sen. Tom Cotton some of the components of the new production lines at the Arsenal's White Phosphorus Facility during his visit.

Busy production schedule on track

By Rachel Selby

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Ammunition Operations has been working diligently over the past few months to pass several Ballistic Lot Acceptance and Lot Acceptance Tests of some key ammunition products.

On May 6, PBA passed BLAT requirements on the 155mm M485A2 visible light projectiles. "We had zero failures and all of the projectiles were accepted by the Project Manager for Combat Ammunition Systems," said Roch Byrne, AO director. "These are the projectiles that we produce where the candle is produced by Crane Army Ammunition Activity. We are getting all the parts we need to make what we need," Approximately 11,800 projectiles passed the BLAT.

Byrne said the fourth and final LAT was passed on the M8 TA Smoke Pot. "This is actually a pretty big deal because we don't make these all the time," he said. "These items, in



M18 colored smoke grenade demonstration. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

my opinion, are sometimes harder to pass all the tests because of the conditioning requirements."

The smoke pots are tested in hot, ambient and cold conditions. During the First Article Testing, half of the ambient tested products are dropped into a bucket of water and they have to float and function while

in the water, according to Byrne. "They all have to work and have the correct burn times," he said. "These items are tested here on post, and burn for a long period of time."

The smoke pot lots complete all of the fiscal year 2013 and prior M8 requirements, according to Byrne.

BLAT testing was also conducted and passed on

the 60mm M722A1 White Phosphorus smoke mortars May 8. "These are tested at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. Approximately 33,000 were tested with no defects," said Byrne. "Production on these went really well. They were filled on existing production lines, and all of the mortars were ac-

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Right Today

Accomplishing the mission "right today" simply means complying with regulations, policies, plans, work instructions, SOPs, and other requirements. We will not compromise the quality of products that will be used by our Warfighters and when we make these products, we will minimize impact on the environment and we will ensure no one gets hurt in the process.

Better Tomorrow

"Better tomorrow" means that every day, we will make improvements. Every time we start a manufacturing or administrative process, it should be more efficient and more environmentally friendly than it was before. Every day should be safer than the last one.

Commander's Column

Summer is rapidly approaching and I am sure that many of you are anxiously awaiting the drier weather after all the rain throughout the local community and threat of rising floodwaters. If you frequent the lakes and rivers, please be cautious of the strong currents and wear appropriate floatation devices. The temperatures will be getting hotter over the next few months, so please plan accordingly. Stay hydrated and be mindful of heat-related injuries.

May was a very busy month for the Pine Bluff Arsenal. We conducted another Home-on-Home with the JPEO-CBD community at Edgewood, Md., May 5, and attended the Chemical/Biological Defense Acquisition Initiative Forum May 7. There are several lucrative chemical-biological prospects for future workload here at PBA. We are also in the final stages of getting an LNO position within and signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the JPEO-CBD. The LNO will be responsible for keeping PBA apprised of acquisition projects, milestone decisions, and coordinating cost-esti-

mate proposals.

On May 25, Capt. Sal Ortiz provided a very moving speech during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the White Hall Museum. The ceremony honored our fallen Soldiers, their commitment to this country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice. Our past and present veterans have protected this country and inspired all Americans. The products we produce, maintain, and repair here at the Arsenal no doubt contributed to saving countless lives in past conflicts. Thank you to Capt. Ortiz, all veterans, and to our dedicated workforce with a commitment to excellence.

We had several important visits during May. Gail Tutt, our new Installation Advocate at U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, visited the Arsenal with our current advocate Kim Haack May 26-28. Kim is retiring effective July 31. We thank Kim for all her outstanding efforts and welcome Gail to the PBA team.

Sen. Tom Cotton visited the Arsenal May 29 for an orientation visit. The senator received an overview presentation of PBA, was able to see some of the items pro-



Col. Chad T. Bauld

duced here and viewed a pyrotechnic demonstration during his visit. He also toured the M825 line, the White Phosphorous Facility, and the Quality Evaluation Facility.

Little Rock Air Force Base, home to the largest C-130 fleet in the world, conducted a change of command ceremony May 27 for the 19th Airlift Wing. The base welcomed Col. Charles "Chip" Brown and family while bidding farewell to Col. Patrick Rhatigan and family. Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Virginia will also conduct a change of command ceremony June 12. Lt. Col. Luis Ortiz will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Alicia Masson.

Pine Bluff Arsenal Employee Appreciation Day will be June 18. Several fun events are scheduled throughout the day and workforce families are invited to

attend this year's events. Make sure you let Recreation Services know your family member's names so they can be on the gate list.

Our nation will celebrate its Independence Day July 4. On this day, our founding fathers laid America's foundation with words, ideas and principles. It is a day we get to show how much we love our country and what it means to be an American.

As we celebrate, let us be proud of what the day means to us. However, you celebrate the day, whether it be with family and friends at the lake, at a local fireworks show, wearing red, white and blue or just grilling up good food for a party, celebrate it safely.

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Social Security

Improved online appeal process

By **Tonya Dees**
Social Security
Public Affairs

Social Security listened to customer feedback and made the online appeals process even better. Now, people who disagree with our disability decision can complete their appeal using our improved online appeals process.

More than 90,000 people use our online appeals application each month. We've certainly come a long way since introducing the online appeal option in September 2007.

Throughout the nation, applicants, their representatives, third parties, groups, and organizations use the online appeal process to request review of disability decisions.

Responding to feedback from our employees and the public, the new online appeals process is easier to use and improves the speed and quality of our disability and non-disability decisions. Users told us that the program needed to be streamlined for easier navigation and that it needed to ask for less duplicate information.

They also told us that they wanted to be able to complete both the appeal form and the medical report together, and be able to submit supporting documents as part of the electronic appeal request.

Our enhanced online appeals application incorporates those suggestions and more. People can now submit both the appeal form and the medical report in just one online session and electronically submit supporting documents with the appeal request.

The screen messages are clear and concise, the navigation has been improved, and we've beefed up our on-screen help. Additionally, users who live outside of the United States are now able to file appeals online.

As a reminder, representatives who request, and are eligible for, direct fee payments must electronically file reconsiderations or request for hearings on medically denied Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability or blindness claims.

Letters to the Editor



Please submit to Rachel Selby at rachel.c.selby.civ@mail.mil, or by fax at 540-4048, or you can bring the letter by Rm. 190 in Building 10-020. Publication dates are the second Thursday of every month. For more information, call 540-2542.

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Hails and Farewells

New Hires

Michael J. Armstrong, Informational Technology Specialist, has joined the Directorate of Information Management.

Lakesha K. Davis, Administrative Support Assistant (OA), has joined the Directorate of Material Management.

Caitlin R. Buchanan, Industrial Engineer, has joined the Directorate of Engineering and Technology.

Douglas H. Johnson, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Charles M. Smith, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

James C. Todd, Logistics Management Specialist, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations.

Brian L. Proksch, Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, has joined the Directorate of Public Works.

Elijah G. Funderburg II, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Retirements

Gladys M. Dickinson, Supervisory Accountant, has retired from the Directorate of Resource Management, Dickinson retires with 36 years of government service.

Donna Hancock, Decontamination Plant Production Operator, has retired from the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations. Hancock retires with 14 years of government service.

George Gatewood, Industrial Worker, has retired from the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations. Gatewood retires with 11 years of government service.

Brenda L. Henry, Contract Specialist, has retired from the Pine Bluff Arsenal Contracting Division. Henry retires with 35 years of government service.

Transfer

Theresa R. Foster, Administrative Support Assistant (OA), has transferred from the Directorate of Business Operation and Planning to Command Sergeant Major Office, U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters, Fort Knox, Ky.

Resignation

Sherry Lowe, Industrial Worker, has resigned from the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations.

Top photo, Gladys Dickinson, supervisory accountant, receives her certificate of retirement from Larry Wright, Deputy to the Commander, during a recent ceremony. Dickinson retires from the Directorate of Resource Management with 36 years of government service. Middle photo, George Gatewood, industrial workers, receives a flag that was flown over Pine Bluff Arsenal from Commander Col. Chad Bauld during a recent ceremony. Gatewood retires with 11 years of government service from the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations. Bottom photo, Brenda Henry, contract specialist, receives her retirement certificate from Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld during a recent ceremony. Henry retires from the Arsenal's Contracting Division with 35 years of government service. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN

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Memorial Day Observance

Photo right, Capt. Salvador Ortiz, Pine Bluff Arsenal Health Clinic, speaks during the annual Memorial Day Service at the White Hall Museum May 25. Ortiz's speech moved many in the crowd to tears as he spoke of a friend he lost during a tour in Afghanistan.



Middle photo, U.S. flags and a memorial wreath line the sidewalks and monument at the White Hall Museum during a service May 25.



Photo below, color guard unit from the White Hall High School's JROTC stands at attention during the Memorial Day ceremony at the White Hall Museum. WHITE HALL JOURNAL PHOTOS



AO

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cepted by PM-CAS.” Rework operations were completed on the 81mm M819 Red Phosphorus smoke mortar. Approximately 38,000 total were processed. “The rework was for the fuse which wasn't quite strong enough to blow the round apart,” said Byrne. “The solution was to reinforce the fuse and then put the round back together. This doesn't happen too often because we usually catch the mistakes on smaller batches and fix it internally. This rework was no fault of anyone and was discovered on LAT-where it is supposed to pass or fail.” A big success for AO is with the M18 colored smoke grenades. “To date, we have produced over three million. We are still currently building green smoke and then move to yellow,” said Byrne. “We have com-

pleted 257 consecutive lots without a failure. This is an amazing thing.” The addition of the starter patch has enabled the grenades to be failure free, said Byrne. “That coupled with all the hard work of the ammunition production workers is what makes this program truly work as well as it does,” he added. “It starts with the crew at the GLATT, making good smoke mix, and with the crew that makes the patches, and then on to the fill and press operations. It takes everyone on this AO team to make these.” Byrne said that AO is trying to hire a few more wage grade workers. “We have our struggles. But we work with what we have and do a great job,” he said. “We are still working overtime and getting the job done.”

CPAC Corner

What to do if injured at work

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal CPAC

Issue: If you are injured at work, you may be entitled to injury compensation benefits provided under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). Federal employees have certain rights and responsibilities in filing for these benefits:

Immediately report any work-related injury to your supervisor. If your injury requires medical treatment, obtain care as soon as possible. If you sustain a traumatic injury, you may obtain a Form CA-16, Authorization for Examination and/or Treatment, from your supervisor or the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, Injury Compensation Branch (ABC-C ICB).

You have a right to choose your treating physician. You may elect to be treated by a physician at a military treatment facility (if available) or by a duly qualified physician of your choice who is not excluded by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

To protect your rights to certain benefits, complete the Form CA-1, Federal Employee's Notice of Traumatic Injury and Claim for Continuation of Pay/Compensation, or CA-2, Federal Employee's Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Compensation, electronically using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) with your supervisor as soon

as possible, but not later than 30 days after your injury. Complete a Form CA-1 if your injury results from a specific event or a series of events during one day or shift.

If you develop a condition due to prolonged exposure lasting more than one day or shift, complete a Form CA-2. Your supervisor will transmit these forms to the ABC-C ICB. Complete these forms as precisely as possible in order to avoid delays caused by asking you for additional information.

You may be asked to provide additional information. Although your supervisor or other agency representative may assist you, it is your responsibility to obtain the information needed to support your claim.

If you are temporarily unable to work be-

cause of your injury, you need to keep your supervisor informed about your medical condition, and return to work as soon as your physician allows you to do so. Light duty assignments may be available if you are not able to perform your regular job, and if so, you must advise your physician of the availability of such assignments.

If you experience a work-related injury, your supervisor will tell you who to contact for assistance and additional information. To protect your rights and receive benefits as quickly as possible, please do not delay in reporting work-related injuries.

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Racks of suits wait to be placed in the Dismounted Reconnaissance Sets, Kits and Outfits units on a production line at Pine Bluff Arsenal recently. Level A, Class 2 and Class 3 suits are just one part of the multiple components of these units. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

DRSKO project ramps up quick, production now in full swing

By Rachel Selby

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations production operations on the Dismounted Reconnaissance Sets, Kits and Outfits is in full swing, according to Allen Dehaghani, project engineer.

Production on the DRSKO began in early March 2015.

The DRSKO is a system of sensors, protective suits, boots, etc., that provides a capability to Soldiers that helps them detect and isolate any chemical hazard in the field. Each branch of service has their own DRSKO units, and with these come different requirements.

The DRSKO project is located at Building 57-01, located in the northern area of the installation, and warehousing operations, which are located at Bldg. 57-54, is also in that same area.

"Production is currently on-going for the CSTs or Civil Support Team units. These are used by National Guard or Reserve units in the field," said Dehaghani, as he opened one of the CST components containing chemical suits and breathable air or SCBA systems. "Approximately 108 suits are in this particular unit. They come in all different sizes-from small to large."

Dehaghani said that currently they are working on modules for the air-breathing sys-

tems and prior to now they were working on other suits and boot modules.

"So many of each unit goes with each completed system," he said. "Instead of switching back and forth between the individual items, one item is packaged until it is completed. This is so we do not have to re-train the operators working on the line."

Level A and Class 2 suits have already been completed and are in the warehouse waiting to be shipped out, he said. "The Level A suits are the most difficult to do because there are a lot more parts to them," Dehaghani added. "These units contain everything from a small screwdriver to a complicated sensor system, and allow the end user to do whatever is required of them in the field."

This project has lots of parts and the number of pieces in play is overwhelming, said Dehaghani.

"Over 480 parts per system are currently being packaged," he said. "Trying to put all these parts together-what was used and what wasn't used - and flushing all that out through the inventory system is big task. Checklists are put together and checked and double checked to make sure our quality control is there. Robert Graves, who is over the Logistics Modernization Program portion of

this project is the one that manages all of this. It is a big area of the project and an important one."

Marty Owens, strategist and warehouse manager for the DRSKO project, said most of the items that were being stored for the units have already been put together.

"The warehouse is looking really empty now," said Owens. When the project was getting started, eight truckloads full of parts were located in the empty areas. "We took all the big stuff and put it in smaller containers."

With all of these shipments, different things are required for the various parts. "Some are just moved from one place to another and packaged. Other items have to be taken and checked to make sure various programs that are required for the system are present, such as with the chemical sensors," said Dehaghani. "The quantities are different for each item, each kit and each assembly. There are different sizes for different end users. Like everything else here on the Arsenal, parts are key!"

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DOIM improves on SWAAP lessons learned



Kelvin (Devan) McClellan Jr., was recognized by Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld for his support of the Safety Stand-down Wellness Awareness Program held April 9. He was responsible for staffing Creasy Auditorium and the Creasy Conference Room during the training and served as the point of contact for any sound or video issues at these locations. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Hugh Morgan was recognized by Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld for his support of the Safety Stand-down Wellness Awareness Program held April 9. New equipment was purchased, installed and tested by Morgan to verify the sound and video quality of the training was successful. His involvement in the planning and execution of changes to existing video teleconference infrastructure was based on lessons learned from 2014. Morgan also recorded the event to create DVDs for make-up training as well as staffed the training center.



Michael D. McDonel was recognized by Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld for his support of the Safety Stand-down Wellness Awareness Program held April 9. McDonel's involvement in the planning and execution of changes to VTC equipment based on lessons learned from 2014 played an important role in the success of this year's event. McDonel also staffed the U.S. Army Reserve Center during the training.

Special Olympics Winner



Jared Bridges, center, came in first place in the softball throw event at the State Special Olympics, held in Searcy, Ark., in May. He also placed first in the 50 meter dash and brought home two gold medals. He is the son of David and Connie Bridges. David works at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Public Works. SUBMITTED PHOTO

By Rachel Selby

Pine Bluff Arsenal's recent Safety Stand Down training day saw some much needed improvements from 2014. Due to budget constraints, 2014 was the first year the annual training was held in a post-wide environment for the workforce. Employees gathered at various places around PBA to participate in the training.

In previous years, the event was held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center in a theater-like setting. The improvements were due in large part to lessons learned by PBA's Directorate of Information Management.

"Several factors went into making improvements to this year's training," said Rusty Johnson, DOIM director. "For one, we immediately started planning for this year's training, and last year we used what is called a DCO or Defense Connect Online method. This year we changed to a Video Teleconference method. The first year we really didn't have time to prepare for it."

DCO, according to the Defense Information Systems Agency website, is a service that is a designated enterprise tool allowing users to communicate and share information in a secure forum using audio/web conferencing.

Johnson said another factor that made a big difference was the sound system at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, outside Plainview Gate, was upgraded. "The echo factor is not as bad in there now, and there are speakers located throughout the large training room," he said. "Screens were also upgraded in the Arsenal's training center and new VTC equipment was purchased, and other equipment was upgraded. Moving the location of the training speakers to the training center was also a factor."

There were several lessons learned, said Mandy Kight, Supervisory Information Technology Specialist. "The ammunition production cafeteria (where the training speakers were located in 2014) was not designed for what we were using it for. So that was a factor in the sound and the way it was transmitted," she said.

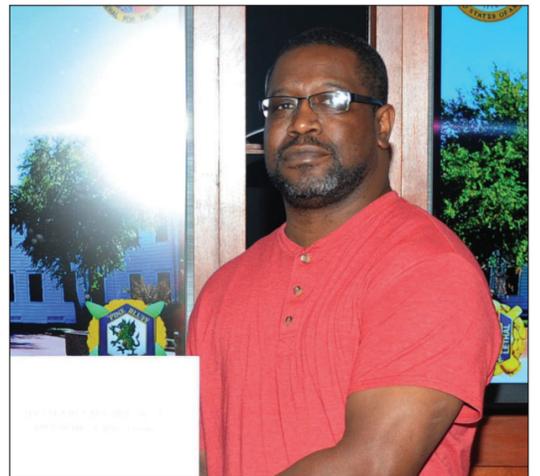
Johnson said the DOIM team met several times during the year to collaborate and troubleshoot for this year's training, which was held April 9. "The guys did a great job," he said.

Kight said they are already working on next year's training. "There were several things that came up during this year's training that we are resolving," she said. "Placement of microphones to prevent distracting paper rustling is something that has already come up in our discussion for improvement. Every improvement we come up with comes with its own challenges and questions. We are already deep in discussions."

One thing that DOIM is looking at, said Johnson, is trying to broadcast the training to each employee's individual computer. "This is something the commander has asked us to look into," he said. "This is something we are researching. It worked out great this year and we received more positive comments this year."



Darren (Ray) Harbison was recognized by Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld for his support of the Safety Stand-down Wellness Awareness Program held April 9. Harbison's involvement in the planning and execution of changes to VTC equipment based on lessons learned from 2014 played an important role in the success of this year's event. He also provided networking expertise in connecting the new equipment as well as staffed the Engineering and Technology conference room during the training.



Stanley R. Nelson was recognized by Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld for his support of the Safety Stand-down Wellness Awareness Program held April 9. Nelson's involvement in the planning and execution of changes to VTC equipment based on lessons learned from 2014 played an important role in the success of this year's event. Nelson worked with the training speakers on their presentations as well as staffed the training center during the event.

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The Kingsport, Tenn., police department brought their mobile unit to the exercise at Holston Army Ammunition Plant. Members of their SWAT and Bomb Squads participated in the annual event. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

Holston conducts annual security training assessment

By Kathy Cole
Courtesy HSAAP Public Affairs

KINGSPORT, Tenn. - What appeared to be just another Friday morning at Holston Army Ammunition Plant quickly turned into a day of reckoning. At approximately 8:50 a.m., a black jeep made its way to the gate of the facility, within a matter of seconds, the individual was out of his vehicle and running past the security officers, making his way inside the gate. The officers quickly activated the barriers in an attempt to stop the intruder.

In the meantime a bomb was located in the suspect's jeep, and hostages were taken. This was the kickoff of the annual security training exercise conducted during May. Holston teamed up with the Kingsport police department including the SWAT Team and Bomb Squad to conduct this exercise.

Training exercises and assessments were completed on the following items:

Installation closure, mass notification, response to intruders, communication, attack on the Army information technology system, response to employee dispute, explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction, road blocks, and the safety of personnel.

The Kingsport Police set up their Mobile Command Post learning center in support of the exercise. This was a great training and learning experience for all individuals involved.

Tony Armstrong, BAE Systems Security Manger was very impressed with the outcome of the exercise. "Overall this was a very productive exercise... We learned a lot and have several after action items," he said.

Holston is a government-owned, contractor-operated facility located in Kingsport, Tenn. BAE Systems is the current operating contractor. Since 1942, Holston has produced chemical explosives in support of our service members and currently produces explosive fills for every type of ordnance used by the Department of Defense.

Holston is a subordinate installation of the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command. JMC operates a nationwide network of conventional ammunition manufacturing plants and storage depots, and provides on-site ammunition experts to U.S. combat units wherever they are stationed or deployed.

Medical documentation required for all lost time

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Workers' Compensation Office

Medical evidence is required for all lost time from work. I would like to take this opportunity to remind Pine Bluff Arsenal employees of this requirement.

First, any work-related injury should immediately be reported to your supervisor. Injury will be evaluated at our Health Clinic and if necessary, the clinic will provide medical treatment or referral.

However, an employee has the right to choose their treating physician. Employees should notify the Workers' Compensation Office at 540-3076 prior to scheduling an appointment if treatment is elected from personal physician.

Each employee is responsible for submitting or arranging for submission of a medical report from the treating physician for every medical service provided for the work-related injury.

Medical reports must include the following: dates of examination and treatment; history given by employee; physical findings; results of diagnostic tests; diagnosis; a description of any other conditions found but not due to the claimed injury; treatment provided or recommended for the claimed injury; physician's opinion, with medical reasons, as to causal relationship between the diagnosed condition(s) and the factors or conditions of the employment; extent of disability affecting your ability to work due to the injury; prognosis for recovery; and work limitations.

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cannot be authorized without medical documentation supporting total disability from work. Compensation payments from Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) will only be made with supporting medical evidence that the employee cannot perform the duties of their regular job or limitations cannot be accommodated.

In order to receive compensation, the employee must be in a Leave-Without-Pay (LWOP) status and complete Claim for Compensation, Form CA-7, in the Workers' Compensation Office. OWCP only allows up to four (4) hours for medical appointments. Medical statement is necessary for all periods of absence/appointments in order to prevent delay in payment.

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Your medical provider can verify eligibility of services, obtain authorizations for medical requests, and verify status of bill payments by calling 866-335-8319 or on web site <http://owcp.dol.acs-inc.com>.

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For additional information, contact Blake Tolleson at 540-3076.

Swimming lessons offered at Pine Bluff Arsenal

Swimming lessons, which are open to Pine Bluff Arsenal employees as well as community civilians, are also being offered this summer. Sessions are Mondays through Thursdays for two weeks.

Day sessions are at 9 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 10:10 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. Session one and two are already meet-

ing. Session three (day) and session four (evening) is July 6-16. Session five (day) and session six (evening) is July 20-30.

All drivers should complete a Pine Bluff Arsenal background verification check.

These forms can be picked up at the Arsenal's fitness center. Once

cleared, you may purchase a Sportsman Pass at the Fitness Center for \$2. This will be your Arsenal access pass and is the easiest way to access the installation if you are a community civilian.

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Hazardous communication changes coming to Arsenal

Courtesy of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, Safety Division

The Globally Harmonized System (GHS) requirements are within one year of being fully enforced. Pine Bluff Arsenal personnel must be prepared to communicate chemical hazards in accordance with GHS safety data sheets (SDSs), pictograms, and labels as upcoming dates approach.

At the beginning of June, chemical manufacturers, distributors, and importers are required to provide SDSs instead of MSDSs. Personnel involved in receiving shipments should see these changes and must push suppliers to provide the appropriate SDS. The SDS includes information that the MSDS did not.

This makes the SDS distinctly different from the MSDS. SDS visual cues include sections like ecological information, disposal considerations, transportation information, and regulatory information. However, the most obvious indicator that you have a new SDS instead of an old MSDS is the use of pictograms.

Pictograms are now included on the chemical labels and provided SDSs. The pictograms assist in identifying the hazards a chemical may pose to personnel. In all, there are 9 distinct pictograms denoting particular hazards such as explosives, corrosives, and health hazards.

The pictograms must have a red diamond around them. This means hardcopies of the SDS that are maintained on production lines MUST be printed in color! At minimum, the page with the pictogram must be printed in color. Since pictograms can only give limited information, additional information is also required on the SDS and labels.

The label must include contact information for the chemical manufacturer, product identifier, signal words, hazard statement, pre-

cautionary statement, supplementary information, and GHS pictograms. Each of these labels elements have specific requirements. For example, there are only 2 signal words allowed on a label. Those two are “Danger” and “Warning”, Danger is used for the more severe hazards. Only 1 signal word can be on a label at a time. If any hazard warrants a “Danger” signal word that is the word on the label. It does not matter if there are a dozen other hazards that only warrant the word “Warning”, just 1 “Danger” means the label must have the word “Danger” on it.

Over the coming year, more information on GHS will be provided to PBA. The requirements for hazard statements, precautionary statements, and what to do with old chemicals will be covered in upcoming articles. In the meantime, personnel should start to see the new labels and SDS in their areas. One of the things people can do during this implementation period is start re-labeling MSDS stations as SDS stations. Please contact the Safety Division with any questions or concerns at 540-3048.

GHS Pictograms & Hazard Classes		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explosives Self-reactives Organic peroxides 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flammables Self-reactives Pyrophorics Self-heating Emits flammable gas 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxidizers Organic peroxides
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gases under pressure 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute toxicity 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute toxicity Skin irritation Eye irritation Skin sensitizers
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carcinogens Respiratory sensitizers Reproductive toxicity Target organ toxicity Germ cell mutagens 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye corrosion Skin corrosion Corrosive to metal 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic toxicity



Pine Bluff Arsenal hosted a visit by the Pine Bluff Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Pine Bluff group May 12. Two individuals from the Arsenal were part of the group – Wes Sparks, Natural Resources Officer, and Kawana Taylor, with the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations. The group watched a smoke demo during their visit. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Liaison visit



Phillip Vick, director of Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations, shows Kim Haack and Gail Tutt a display of chemical defense product items on display at the Arsenal's Training Center. Haack, who is the Arsenal's current liaison from the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, is retiring in July. Tutt is her replacement. The visit also included tours of Ammunition Operations and various discussions about the installation for the transition. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN

PBA swimming pool passes on sale

Pine Bluff Arsenal swimming pool passes are on sale. The pool is open noon to 7:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Guest fees are \$5 per person. Summer camp swim fees are \$75 per student and are only to be used during summer camp hours. Swimming lessons are \$80 a student.

Swimming pool parties and daycares must be schedule in advance. Parties start at \$150. For reservations, call 540-3658. Babysitter passes are also available. The pass can only be used while accompanying children with a current pool membership.

The following swimming fees will be charged:

- Active duty military Soldiers will be charged nothing for a swimming

pass.

- Family members will be \$80 for single and \$100 for family. Family member is defined as those individuals who reside and are supported solely by the sponsor.
- Retired military will be \$90 for single and \$110 for family.
- Department of Defense employees and retired personnel will be \$110 for single and \$120 for family.
- Federal employees other than Department of Defense will be \$130 for single and \$150 for family.
- Community civilians and contractors will be \$260 for single and \$310 for family.

Prices and hours are subject to change without notice. Pool passes are non-refundable. For information, call 540-3778.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day



Jerry Pye and Jan Brewer with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Army Community Service deliver a gift May 8 to Ana Ortiz, military spouse of Capt. Salvador Ortiz, with the Arsenal's Army Health Clinic, during May's observance of Military Spouse Appreciation. Gifts were also given to three other military spouses on post during the observance. Military Spouse Appreciation Day originated in the U.S. in 1984 U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY RACHEL SELBY

Pine Bluff Arsenal

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*We will do our best to accommodate time preference. No guarantees.

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Session 2: June 08-17* (Evening) 5-5:30	\$80
Session 3: July 06-16 (Day)	\$80
Session 4 July 06- 16 (Evening) 5-5:30	\$80
Session 5: July 20-30 (Day)	\$80
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Virginia State Police, Pulaski County (Va.) Sheriff's Department personnel prepare for a grid search at Radford Army Ammunition Plant New River Unit during the exercise. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS RFAAP



Lenny Diloia, part of Radford Army Ammunition Plant's government staff, is apprehended by Virginia State Police during a Community Preparedness Exercise held at the facility April 24-25. The two-day event included two separate events and involved over 75 participants.

Radford AAP conducts community preparedness exercise in April

By Charles Saks
Radford Public Affairs

The Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, Va., conducted a successful Community Preparedness Exercise April 24-25. There were more than 75 participants over the two-day event.

The annual exercise is a different scenario each year, and this year's exercise had two separate events. The reason for a two-day event was to keep the training situations manageable and to ensure Emergency Management and Force Protection could concentrate on their separate but equal sectors. The emphasis on April 24 was an active shooter at the 2,800 acre New River Unit, Dublin Facility that involved members of the Army, BAE Systems (the operating contractor), law enforcement from the Virginia State Police, the Christiansburg Police Department Rapid Response Division, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, and the Virginia Department of Health (both the New River Health District and Community Services - Counseling for the Family Assistance Center).

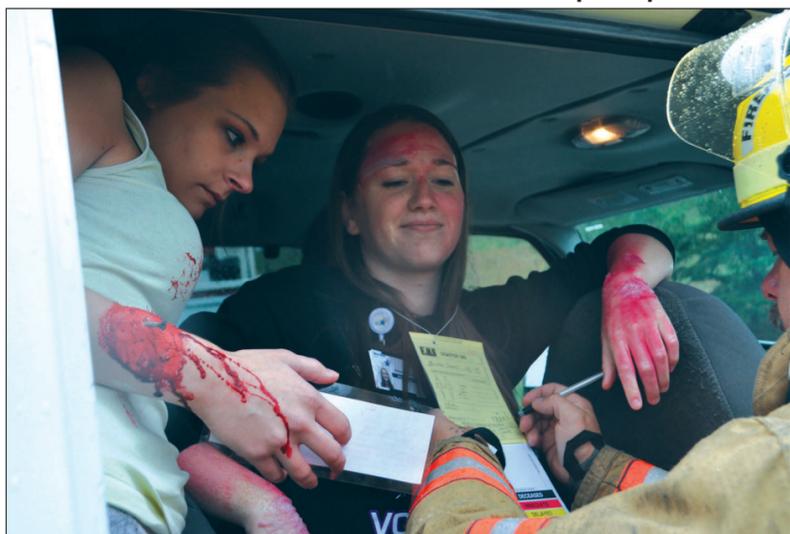
In the exercise scenario, two individuals overpowered two guards; shooting one and knocking the other unconscious. The culprits took a vehicle and drove onto the property armed with various weapons as they

tried to escape a recent robbery in the town of Dublin. The guard recovered and called RFAAP Security Dispatch, reporting the incident and giving a description of the shooters and the vehicle.

In the course of the training exercise, six officers received simulated non-fatal gunshot wounds before apprehending the culprits. These injuries also tested the local Emergency Medical Services system in Pulaski County.

The training was beneficial for the state/local agencies and RFAAP personnel. Comments regarding communications and community outreach were exceptional. One deputy stated, "I have been with the Sheriff's Department 17 years, and this is my first time on this Dublin property. I must say that I have trained at the main plant many times and know that property very well. We need to do this type of training here more often, because this scenario is a real-time event in the world we live in today."

The second portion of the exercise was a Mass Casualty and Hazardous Materials drill at the main plant April 25. This scenario involved an accidental release of Nitric Acid. Members of the Army, BAE Systems, local first responders, local hospitals and community services came together to practice and hone their



A mock acid spill and IED victim is prepared for transport by fire and emergency personnel during the Community Preparedness Exercise.

skills. Responses to these various scenarios are key to the success of communication, protocol and reaction time during an actual emergency.

This year, the participants included the Virginia Department of Health (both the New River Health District and Community Services - Counseling for the Family Assistance Center), the Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department, Riner Volunteer EMS, the Lewis Gale Montgomery County and the Lewis Gale Pulaski Hospitals and the Carilion New River Medical Center. The drill tested many facets of emergency response in the New River Valley.

The April 25 exercise involved 12 casualties, which tested the capabilities of the local emergency rooms and local EMS. The large quantity of Nitric Acid helped the Emergency Operations Center train with various details involving environmental reportable quantities, personnel accountability, and environmental stewardship (involving possible ground and water contamination).

The exercise did show a need to improve communication with the hospitals, EMS and local fire departments. The installation and the community are currently working on a path forward to resolve these concerns.

Be healthy while enjoying summer fun

Courtesy of PBA
Employee Assistance Program

Summer is upon us and it is time for vacations, weddings, weekend camping trips, outdoor grilling, etc. We want to invite and encourage you to focus on strategies that will support you and your family being healthy while enjoying the summer. We reviewed some relevant information and created a collection of ideas that support conscious planning to get you started on exploring things that are applicable to your family. Here are the ideas:

- Everyone should wash their hands well and often with soap and water before cooking or eating.
- Keep raw food separate from cooked food.
- Refrigerate or freeze leftovers promptly.
- Have lots of fruits,

vegetables, healthy oat bars, yogurt and nuts available instead of cookies and chips.

- Select whole grain foods.
- Watch portion size and limit access to foods high in sugar, salt and calories.
- Choose mustard over mayonnaise to save calories.
- Choose baked or broiled over fried, battered or breaded.
- Serve water over juice and soda.
- Purchase low fat milk and cheese.
- Do not skip meals, especially breakfast.
- Do not eat for at least three hours before going to bed.
- Target healthy protein sources through beans, fish, poultry and lean meats.
- Create opportunities for a variety of exercises that are fun for the family, such as dancing, bowling, swimming,

hiking and jumping rope.

- Limit sedentary activities such as watching television and playing video games.
- Volunteer for a favorite church or charity as a family.
- Always remember if you drink alcoholic beverages, please do not drive.

You can find so much more helpful, well thought out information in books or magazines (from the library) and on the internet. We selected a few ideas related to preparing affordable healthy dishes, cost and calorie control to hopefully help you save money and support a healthy, enjoyable summer for you and your family.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) staff is encouraging you to eat well, exercise, set realistic goals and enjoy your summer. We can be reached at 540-3094 if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss life events in a confidential environment.



George Zerante and Kristen Pickering from Catharsis Productions presented U.S. Army SHARP (Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Training) Got Your Back training at the U.S. Army Reserve Center May 14. This training replaced a two-hour online SHARP training that had been done in the past. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN

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Ana Ortiz, wife of Capt. Salvador Ortiz, Pine Bluff Arsenal Army Health Clinic, graduated May 9 from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Jamie Enloe, teacher and caregiver at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child Development Center, gives Nira Pugh a hug during the graduation ceremony.

Nira Pugh, Chase Smith and Brylea McDaniel are all smiles and excitement as they sit on the stage during the 2015 Army Strong Beginnings Pre-Kindergarten graduation ceremony May 13 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center. Photo below, the children were also each presented a commander's coin from Pine Bluff Arsenal commander Col. Chad Bauld during the ceremony. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY CYSS



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