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**three. There is zero**  
**lost time injuries as of**  
**September 26.**

\***Recordable injuries**  
**for fiscal year 2014 are**  
**31. There is one record-**  
**able injury as of Sep-**  
**tember 26.**

\***Pine Bluff Arsenal**  
**days without a lost**  
**time injury are 171.**

\***Pine Bluff Arsenal**  
**days without a record-**  
**able injury are 8.**

\***Estimated hours**  
**worked without a lost**  
**time injury: 957,308**

## IN BRIEF

**Domestic Violence**  
**Prevention 5K**

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Army Community Service and Recreation Services will sponsor a Domestic Violence Prevention 5K run/two mile walk-stroll Oct. 18 at 8 a.m.

The race will begin at the Arsenal's Fitness Center crosswalk, and is for males and females ages 10 to 65-plus.

First, second and third place awards will be given for the 5K run. Entry fee is \$20 prior to race and \$25 the day of the race. Participants that apply by Oct. 10, will be guaranteed a shirt.

Race participants will need to enter through Dexter Gate the day of the event.

For information or to register, contact Courtney Lott at 540-3658.

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## Welcome Home



Crew members from Pine Bluff Arsenal's Edgewood Biological Center pose for a photo outside Plainview Gate with Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld. These 15 individuals - Dennis Dickson, Jason Shipp, Bennie Ford, Aaron Sredin, Paul Morara, James Swank, Brandon Jones, Aaron Trotter, Zac Lay, Gary Blaylock, Will Rowell, Brad Branson, Anthony Pierce, Rudolph Larracuento and Dana Sheftic, returned Sept. 5, after many months at sea, destroying Syrian chemical weapons aboard the MV Cape Ray container ship. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL SELBY

## ECBC crew returns from mission

*(Editor's note: This story was compiled from other news sources including APG News, Navy Times and Defense.gov.)*

Fifteen individuals from Pine Bluff Arsenal's Edgewood Biological Center returned home Sept. 5, after many months at sea, destroying Syrian chemical weapons aboard the MV Cape Ray container ship. Friends and family members greeted the crew with welcome signs, smiles and hugs at the Bill and

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Crew members from Pine Bluff Arsenal's Edgewood Biological Center speak with Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld outside Plainview Gate.

Hillary Clinton National Airport in Little Rock.

These individuals including crew members from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., which made up the volunteer force with backgrounds in chemistry, chemical engineering and related fields, are Dennis Dickson, Jason Shipp, Bennie Ford, Aaron Sredin, Paul Morara, James Swank, Brandon Jones, Aaron

Trotter, Zac Lay, Gary Blaylock, Will Rowell, Brad Branson, Anthony Pierce, Rudolph Larracuento and Dana Sheftic.

The crew is part of APG's ECBC, Joint Program Manager for Elimination, which is a division of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemi-

cal, and Biological Defense and the Chemical Material Activity. As part of this business unit, these highly-trained and experienced personnel have spent decades working toward a world free of weapons of mass destruction.

Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad

Bauld was on hand to greet the crew when they arrived in Little Rock. "I want to welcome the ECBC crew back to the Arsenal, and congratulate them on a job well done," said Bauld.

While aboard the MV Cape Ray, the crew suc-

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## Arsenal key workers receive CFC training

By Rachel Selby

"Thank you for doing what you do and being part of this process known as the Combined Federal Campaign," said Normal Gilchrest, director of the Greater Arkansas CFC, as he kicked off key worker training Sept. 25 at Pine Bluff Arsenal.

Gilchrest, who is retired from the U.S. Air Force/Air National Guard and the U.S. Postal Service, said that this is his third career. "I have been a part of the CFC and United Way campaigns since 1992," he said. "I was a previous coordinator for the Postal Service for the entire state of Arkansas at one point. I love doing this, and helping these agencies and helping people."

According to Laura Hiserodt, Arsenal CFC Coordinator, the goal for the installation for this year is \$50,000. The campaign, which is under the CFC of Greater Arkansas/Heart of Arkansas United Way, will run from Oct. 14 to Dec. 2.

A kickoff event will be held Oct. 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Arsenal's Community Center. Guest speaker

will be Bridgette Williams from the American Red Cross. The Jenkins Memorial Center choir will perform and the White Hall High School ROTC will present the colors.

In fall 2013, Arsenal employees contributed \$\$39,138.62 against a



goal of \$50,000. The installation was part of the six largest campaigns in the CFC organization in Arkansas.

During the interactive training, Gilchrest outlined the mission of the CFC, part of its history as well as an organizational chart of the CFC process.

"The Arsenal is even part of the Local Federating Coordinating Committee," he said, pointing out

that Jackie Flowers, chief of PBA's Internal Review and Audit is a member of the LFCC. "The LFCC acts as the board of directors for the local campaign. They approve the budget, control the spending, determine awards and control everything here locally we do for the Greater Arkansas CFC."

Forms of giving include the paper pledge cards, NEXUS online giving, and MyPay online giving. Gilchrest said that the payroll deduction method of giving is the way most people give. "The reason for this is that it is simple, effective and easy on your pocketbook," he said.

Gilchrest shared some statistics about the effectiveness of the CFC. "In 2013, CFC of Greater Arkansas raised over \$920,605. In 2013, CFC Campaigns raised over \$209.7 million," he said. The campaign's Facebook page can be found at CFC Greater Arkansas and their web page is www.cfcgreater-arkansas.gov.

Key workers in areas around the Arsenal will be armed in the next week with the tools of the camp-

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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

We are approaching another significant milestone and may have already surpassed it by the time this article goes to print – over one million hours without a lost time injury! This feat could not be achieved without due diligence from each and every worker, leader, and supervisor. Congratulations!

Our recordable injury rate is also on the decline. Each day that we have our workers on the production lines generates revenue for the Arsenal and improves business performance. Our people are more important than money. If you see clutter in the workplace, do your best to police your areas. I'm aware that our housekeeping procedures

have improved exponentially, but there is always room for continuous improvement. Additionally, if someone is about to commit an unsafe act, step in and stop the individual. Each of us has a responsibility to look out for and protect our fellow workers. Let us continue to build upon our overall safety records and surpass our goals for fiscal year 2015.

We will conduct the Arsenal Update in the Ammunition Operations cafeteria Oct. 16. Throughout the course of the day, we will address the workforce and provide updates on the Transition Workshop, Command Climate Survey Results, SHARP, and most importantly the Arsenal's



Col. Chad T. Bauld

future and strategic direction. We will also conduct a local Organizational Health Assessment (OHA) Survey (similar to what has been done in the past) to get a better pulse on the Arsenal's climate.

Why are we taking another survey (OHA)? Well, we only had 156 personnel complete the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) Command Climate Survey last month and

it has its own challenges (military focus and repetition of questions). The OHA will provide a more accurate representation of our success areas and challenges. That aside, I will still provide feedback on the DEOMI survey as any instance of alleged harassment, discrimination, or maltreatment will not be tolerated. We must choose to be better than that. These behaviors will not only affect our TEAM and overall morale, but will undoubtedly jeopardize any future workload.

Some upcoming events to be aware of:

- PBA strategic engagement visits to TACOM, Picatinny, and JPEO-CBD, October 6-8. Focus is on future workload and building

relationships.

- PBA fall softball league. Sign-up concluded on Oct. 3, and the coaches' meeting was just completed Oct. 8. The schedule should be forthcoming from Recreation Services to your coaches. Who will be crowned the PBA Softball Champions?

- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Kick-Off Breakfast at the PBA Club Oct. 14. This year's campaign dates are from Oct. 14 through Dec. 2.

- Pine Bluff Arsenal Army Community Service and Recreation Services will host the Domestic Violence Prevention 5K Run/Walk Oct. 18 at 8 a.m. Flyers are available at the Fitness Center. Sign up by October 10 to receive a discount.

- Employee Appreciation Day is set for Nov. 6 in the vicinity of Recreation Services. Expect to see information detailing the events soon. We are already looking to host next year's event in June with a carnival and more opportunity for family activities.

- Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) will host the Annual Family Christmas Party Dec. 4. This event is open to all employees and families, regardless of whether or not the children are enrolled at CYSS.

Thank you for what you do every day in support of the Arsenal, our Nation, and our service members. My family and I are thrilled to have joined the PBA team.

## Social Security

### Football and Social Security

By Phylis Dills  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist  
Little Rock, Ark.

Good coaching and a great playbook can make all the difference in the world for a winning football team. Fail to create a sound game plan, and you're likely to miss opportunities and fall behind.

The same is true for retirement—except you call the plays, including when to retire and how much to save.

If you walk onto the retirement field without a game plan, you may have to work longer than you had hoped. You certainly don't want to find yourself unable to have the comfortable retirement you envisioned.

You may have to call your own financial plays, but Social Security has tools to help you. We can help you decide what options might be successful in any situation you may find yourself in.

For example, how much can you expect to get from Social Security? How much more could you get if you worked a year longer? Two years? What about

your spouse, if you are married? And are you saving enough in addition to your expected Social Security benefits?

By simply visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), you can get answers to all of these questions. You will find several financial planning tools, including our easy-to-use and secure Retirement Estimator.

You can use it to get quick retirement estimates based upon your own earnings record. It's like training camp for financial planning.

All you have to do is provide some information about yourself to verify who you are for security purposes—your name, Social Security number, date and place of birth, your mother's maiden name, and an estimate of your last year's earnings.

The Retirement Estimator will then create Social Security benefit estimates based on your entire career earnings record.

The Retirement Estimator shows what you could receive in Social Security benefits if you retire at age 62, what you could receive at

your full retirement age, and what you could receive if you work until age 70.

Interested in other play options, such as what will happen if you made more money in the future? Or if you want to stop work at a different age than the three we show you? You can try out alternate game plans using the Retirement Estimator if you change your mind about your initial retirement plans.

The last thing you want to do is depend on a "Hail Mary" pass when it comes to your retirement. With a good game plan, you will score a retirement touchdown.

Remember what one of football's most accomplished and respected coaches, Vince Lombardi, said: "There's only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to give it everything."

So give everything you have to developing the playbook for your retirement. And the best place to begin your game plan for a successful retirement is at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Army Reg 360-1

AR 360-1 is the regulation that governs the release of public information. This includes what to release and how to release it to the public, non-releasable subjects, and items that need to be cleared through public affairs channels prior to release.

The Public Affairs Program is the overall responsibility of the Arsenal commander.

Only the commanders and their designated representatives are authorized to speak for the Pine Bluff Arsenal.

The PAO acts as the liaison between the media and the installation.

However, employees are encouraged to speak to civilian professional groups on matters in which the individual has personal knowledge and expertise.

This needs to be coordinated through the Public Affairs Office. They shouldn't comment on military matters that are beyond their knowledge and experience.

Obviously, classified information won't be discussed at all.

## Letters to the Editor

Please submit to Rachel Selby at [rachel.c.selby.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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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### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER



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The second class in the **Maintain-Repair-Renovate Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Series** has announced **Basic Maintenance Welding** training. Learn tips and techniques of basic arc welding, mild steel welding fabrication, and an introduction to MIG welding. Course is along AWS guidelines and can lead to AWS certification. Class meets Saturdays, Oct. 11 – Nov. 22, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Cost \$249**

**OSHA 10 for Construction** meets Oct. 9 – 10, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Cost \$125**

**OSHA 10 for General Industry** meets Dec. 15 – 16, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Cost \$125**

**OSHA 30 for General Industry** meets Dec. 15 – 18, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Cost \$250**

**Healthcare Provider CPR** follows American Heart Association (AHA) instruction. Class meets Fri., Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Cost \$43**

**Heartsaver CPR with optional First Aid** provides American Heart Association (AHA) instruction. Class meets Fri., Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Cost \$43** With optional First Aid, class meets 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Cost \$56**

**ACT Prep** provides math, reading, English, and science reasoning sessions along with diagnostic assessment, tutorials and test-taking tips. The course assists students in refreshing their knowledge and achieving higher ACT scores. Students take diagnostic assessments Oct. 7, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Instructor led classes meet Oct. 14, 16, 21, and 23, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The December schedule is on our website. **Cost \$125**

**Adobe Acrobat Pro** includes numerous hands-on practice exercises. Instructors facilitate a 1½ day training of Acrobat tools such as creating forms and security policies in working with Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Class meets Tues., Nov. 11, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Tues., Nov. 18, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Costs \$99**

**Microsoft Office Specialist Certification (MOS) Excel 2010 Exam Prep** - MOS Certified instructors facilitate a two-day training of course objectives included in the MOS Excel certification exam, concluding with MOS Excel 2010 practice and certification exams. The textbook used carries ProCert Labs ExamReady™ distinguished certification and validation. Course meets: Tues., October 14 and 21, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Costs \$423**

**Workplace Computer Skills** provide personalized, hands-on training to improve, increase, or learn typing, 10-key, and mouse navigating skills. Training is in an open lab. Classes meet Fridays, now through Nov. 21, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Cost \$8 per session**

**Word 1 of 3** meets Wed., Oct. 8, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Cost \$99**

[www.seark.edu/workforce-training](http://www.seark.edu/workforce-training)  
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## Be OPSEC Aware!

If you SEE something, SAY something!

# Hails and Farewells

## New Hires

**Betty Mosby** has joined Child, Youth and School Services under the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

**Tammy Jones**, Administrative Assistant (OA), has joined the Directorate of Public Works

**Michael S. Hendricks**, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

**Clark Ladisky**, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

**Edith Del Pilar Llumiquinga**, Security Guard, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

**Stephen S. McQuerry**, Physical Security Specialist, has joined the Directorate of Law Enforcement and

Security.

## Promotion

**Elaine Nelson**, contracting specialist/contracting officer, was promoted to Chief of the Pine Bluff Arsenal Contracting Office effective Aug. 24.

## Transfer

**Erika Hughes**, contract specialist has transferred from Pine Bluff Arsenal's Contracting Office to the Corps of Engineers in Little Rock.

## Retirements

**Jimmie R. Johnson**, Decontamination Production Plant Leader, has retired from the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense with 28 years of service.

**Grant E. Williams**, Inventory Management Specialist, has retired from the Directorate of Material Management. Williams retires with 28 years of government service.



**Jimmie R. Johnson** received his retirement certificate from Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld recently. Johnson retires with 28 years of government service. He began his career in the Directorate of Ammunition Operations-Production Plant Leader in the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY RACHEL SELBY

# CPAC Corner

## Open season scheduled, FSAFED plan changes

*Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Civilian Personnel*

### Federal Employees Benefits Open Season

The 2014 Federal Benefits open season for Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) will be from 11-10-2014 to 12-08-2014.

There is no regularly scheduled open season for the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program.

### New plan changes to FSAFEDS for 2015

Health care and limited expense flexible spending accounts (FSAs) will no longer have a grace period; instead, qualifying participants will be able to carry over up to \$500 of unused funds to the next plan year.

Dependent care FSAs will still have a grace period and will not have carryover to the next plan year. The minimum annual election for all three types of FSAs will be reduced from \$250 to \$100.

For information go to <https://www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds/index.asp>

## Pine Bluff Arsenal Health Fair

### 2014-2015 Health Benefits Open Season Kick-Off

When: November 14, 2014

Where: PBA Training Center, Bldg. 24-610

Time: 0900- 1300

Please come out and learn about all of the **NEW** Health Benefits for 2015!!

2014 Federal Benefits Open Season  
Monday, November 10, 2014 through Monday, December 8, 2014.



**Normal Gilchrest** conducts a Combined Federal Campaign key worker training at Pine Bluff Arsenal Sept. 25. The Arsenal will kick off their Fall 2014 campaign Oct. 14. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY RACHEL SELBY

**WE GIVE BECAUSE WE CARE**

**WHAT:** COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF FALL 2014 (For Calendar Year 2015)  
CAMPAIGN DATES 14 October – 02 December

**WHERE:** COMMUNITY CENTER Pine Bluff Arsenal

**WHEN:** 14 OCTOBER– 0900 - 1000

**PROGRAM:** Muffins, coffee and juice will be available.  
White Hall High School ROTC  
Jenkins Choir  
Speaker – Bridgette Williams American Red Cross

**ATTENDANCE:** Management, CFC Coordinators, Key Workers and Employees

Off Post Attendees, if you plan to attend, please call Laura Hiserodt, 540-3197, in order for your name to be placed on the list at White Hall Plainview Gate.

**TOTAL GOAL FOR GREATER ARKANSAS \$1,000,000**

**PINE BLUFF ARSENAL GOAL \$50,000**

Note: Fall 2013 – for calendar year 2014 federal employees contributed \$39,139.00 against goal of \$50,000.  
Fall 2012 – for calendar year 2013 federal employees contributed \$67,983.00 against goal of \$50,000.

Thank you Civilian Welfare Fund for the refreshments.

## CFC

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aign – pledge cards and his-arity booklets – as well as information for personnel about the campaign.

According to training information, the primary role of the key workers is to inform their co-workers about the CFC, educate them about their options in giving, distribute the campaign materials, and pick up the results.

*The CFC, which began in the early 1960s, is one of only two fund drives allowed on U.S. Army installations during work hours.*

Awards will be given to individual donors during the campaign, according to Gilchrest. These include the Patriot Giver-\$120 to \$249, the Supergiver-\$250 to \$499; the Hero Giver-\$500 to \$999 and the Golden Eagle-\$1,000 and up.

Once the pledge cards are filled out, key workers in the directorates will collect and

deliver them to Hiserodt for final tally. Workers were instructed to save up their pledges until they get a good amount and then turn them in.

A weekly report will be given by Hiserodt to the commander. The final tally from PBA will be given to the Greater Arkansas CFC. A running total of giving during the CFC campaign will be posted to the Arsenal's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AmericasArsenal](http://www.facebook.com/AmericasArsenal)

The CFC, which began in the early 1960s, is one of only two fund drives allowed on U.S. Army installations during work hours.

It affords all employees an opportunity to contribute to one or more charitable, humanitarian or medical research organizations at a local or national level. Federal employees continue to make the CFC the largest and most successful workplace philanthropic fundraiser in the world.

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Check out and like U.S. Army Pine Bluff Arsenal's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericasArsenal>

## "Memorial Honor Star Campaign"

We are celebrating our 18th year! November 18th - December 31st

For a donation of \$25, a lighted Christmas Star will be displayed along Beachfront Drive at the park. "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a person or organization that you choose, during the *Enchanted Land of Lights & Legends* Celebration.

For information call:  
**Greg Gustek 536-7600**  
Deadline Oct. 24, 2014  
[www.pineblufffestival.org](http://www.pineblufffestival.org)

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## JMC Human Resource visit



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Photo above, Emami Esmaeilpour, director of Pine Bluff Arsenal's Engineering and Technology, shows Susie Clay, U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command Deputy Chief of Staff, G1-Human Resources Management, and Marsha Huttenlocher, Chief of Field Operations and Support, G1, some features of the large filter production during a tour. The G1 team from JMC visited Pine Bluff Arsenal, Sept. 10-11, for the first time.

Photo right, John Burkhead with PBA's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations shows Susie Clay a piece of the M295 Individual Equipment Decontamination Kit during a tour.



## Security announcements and traffic reminders

- The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security wants drivers to be aware of Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services crosswalk zone enforcement throughout the year. Remember to watch for children and pedestrians around CYS and obey crossing zone speed limits. Together, we can ensure that our children travel to and from school safely.

- Far too many needless deaths and serious injuries occur due to drunken driving and not wearing safety belts. Although we are trying to increase voluntary compliance with traffic laws, we will take enforcement action if necessary. The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security is serious about traffic safety, and we're striving to prevent future tragedies.

- **ONE TEXT OR CALL.....COULD WRECK IT ALL!** Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2010 alone over 3,000 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and by-stander safety! Please don't do it!

- **All Vehicles Have Blind Spots:** In the case of a back-over incident, the blind spot is the place behind your vehicle that you cannot see in the rear or side view mirrors — or even by craning your neck out the driver's side window. Generally speaking, the larger the vehicle, the larger the blind spot. **BE SURE TO CLEAR YOUR REAR!!!!!!!**

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### New RTV1100 Utility Vehicle

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# Fire Prevention Week observed by PBA Fire Dept.

Courtesy of PBA Fire and Emergency Services

## The history behind Fire Prevention Week

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Fire and Emergency Services will observe Fire Prevention Week 2014, Oct. 5 through 11. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives".

The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871.

This tragic conflagration killed 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. Ever since its occurrence, the origin of the fire has generated speculation, with fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years.

One popular legend has it that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over the lantern, setting the O'Leary's barn on fire, and starting the spectacular blaze. However, the massive fire began; it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2,000 acres in 27 hours.

The City of Chicago quickly rebuilt, however, and within a couple of years, residents began celebrating their successful restoration by memorializing the anniversary of the fire

with festivities.

Intending to observe the fire anniversary with a more serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. So October 9, 1911, FMANA sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Moreover, every year since 1925, the president of the United States has signed the proclamation pronouncing the Sunday-through-Saturday period in which October 9 falls a national observance.

For 70 years, the nonprofit NFPA has officially sponsored and selected the theme for the national commemoration of Fire Prevention Week, honoring the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire and using the events to increase awareness of the dangers of fire.

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10,

**Fire Prevention Week 2014**

PBA F&ES  
Presents  
"Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives"

**Time:**  
9 October  
11:00-13:00



**Place:**  
Bldg # 10-050  
Fire Station

Pine Bluff Arsenal Fire & Emergency Services would like to invite you to join Fire Department in recognizing Fire Prevention Week. Pick-up information and talk with firefighters about how to keep your family safe. Take a look at the emergency vehicles, firefighting and EMS equipment used to protect the Pine Bluff Arsenal community.

For more information contact  
Fire & Emergency Services  
(870) 540-3507

Presentation suitable for all ages.

**Lunch will be provided free of charge**

1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States. Calling this loss "startling," President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented...It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth."

According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

### Safety tips

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.
- Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet (three meters) from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.
- Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).
- If you have ceilings

that are pitched, install the alarm within 3 feet of the peak but not within the apex of the peak (four inches down from the peak).

• Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.

• Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

• For the best protection, interconnect smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound. Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless technology.

• When interconnected smoke alarms are installed, it is important that all of the alarms are from the same manufacturer. If the alarms are not compatible, they may not sound.

• There are two types of smoke alarms - ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires.

For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization-photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor smoke alarms, are recommended.

• Keep manufacturer's instructions for reference.

### Testing smoke alarms

• Smoke alarms should be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.

• Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

• Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

• Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the Internet.

• Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years.

If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.

• Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

• When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions.

Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.



Jan Brewer with PBA Army Community Service looks through the bracelet selections available at a vendor booth during Pine Bluff Arsenal's Ladies Night Sept. 18 at the Community Center.



A crew from PBA's Child, Youth and School Services entertained the crowd with a karaoke tune. The event featured about 15 vendors, food and fun Sept. 18.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL SELBY

## Ladies Night!!



DJ Billy Ray Ashcraft with PBA CYSS spun some lively tunes during Ladies Night.

# Read to a Child Program

The PBA Child, Youth and School Services Program would like you to volunteer for our new Read to a Child Program! Volunteers can come to read to our Toddler and Preschool children.

CYSS will provide the book! It will only take 10 to 15 minutes.

Volunteers must be on leave or on their own time to participate. We do have volunteers who read to children during their lunch break.



The children love having "Special Guests" visit them, so we are excited to start this program!

This program is only open to PBA Military Families, vetted PBA employees and family members of children in care.

If you are interested in participating, please call ext. 2360 to register.

Volunteers are selected monthly to read to our children.

## Starting 1 October!



Monday-Thursday 11:00am - 12:30pm

*Hamburger/cheeseburger meal- (includes baked beans, potato salad, chips and tea)	\$6.75
*Hamburger/Cheeseburger	\$3.75
*Side Dish	\$1.75
*Salad Bar	LG \$5.50 SM \$3.25
*Soup of the day	\$3.50
*Cobbler	\$2.75
*Chips	\$.50
*Sweet/unsweet Tea	\$1.25

For call-in orders please call 540-3981

# Senator staff member visits PBA



Photo above, Roch Byrne, Director of Ammunition Operations, leads Julie Zelnick and Maj. Mike Hallinan on a tour of the M819 81MM LAP production line during their visit. Photo right, Ron Hoffman, chemist at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Quality Evaluation Facility, leads a tour of the laboratories Sept. 29 for Julie Zelnick, Military Legislative Assistant for Appropriations for Sen. Mark Pryor's office and Maj. Mike Hallinan, Budget Liaison Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. The pair received an Arsenal overview, update on private partnerships and toured several of the installation manufacturing areas. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Chad Bauld speaks during the 9-11 Remembrance Service at Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff Sept. 11. The event was held indoors due to storms and featured a performance by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Vesper Choir as well as comments from guest host Melinda Mayo of KATV, Channel 7 U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN

## CAPE RAY

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Successfully destroyed more than 600 tons of declared Syrian chemical weapons in accordance with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons guidelines while operating in international waters. The 648-foot roll-on/roll-off and container ship was equipped with 64 Army civilians and a field deployable hydrolysis system capable of rendering chemical and nerve agent inert.

APG scientists designed the field deployable hydrolysis system, and modified it for use at sea to neutralize the chemical materials. The hydrolysis system mixed the chemicals with water and sodium hypochlorite bleach, producing a low-level waste that after treatment to reduce acidity was stored in containers on the ship until they could be delivered to waste-treatment facilities.

According to government reports, the Syrian chemical cargo consisted of methylphosphonyl difluoride, the main precursor to Sarin and other nerve agents, and 20 tons of mustard, a blister agent.

## Reading program begins

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services is seeking volunteers for its new Read to a Child Program.

Volunteers, which are selected monthly, can come and read to the CYSS Toddler and Preschool children during their own leave time or during a lunch break. CYSS will provide the book and reading time should be approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

The program is only open to PBA Military Families, vetted PBA employees and family members of children in child care. Interested persons can call 540-2360 to register.



Pine Bluff Arsenal  
Family and MWR



### FAMILY FALL BASH 2014 TRUNK-OR-TREAT TABLE REGISTRATION

Participate in Family Fall Bash 2014 by putting together a table for kids to come and trick or treat at during the Family Fall Bash event! Dress up and decorate your table to make it fun for the kids and families!

Sponsor a table as a team, organization, friends, or individual!

Deadline to sign up is THURSDAY, OCT 23

Here is what you'll need:

- This form filled out and turned in. (you can email it back to Billy Ray at [billy.r.ashcraft.naf@mail.mil](mailto:billy.r.ashcraft.naf@mail.mil), or bring it by CYS services.)
  - A table (and chairs for you to sit on!)
    - Individually packaged candy
    - Decorations (be creative!)
- Set up your table at the PBA Ball Fields by 5:15pm on OCT 30 for the kids at Family Fall Bash 2014! (Billy Ray will show you where.)
- At least one person to stay at your table during the event!

Name or Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)  
 POC for your table: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Billy Ray Ashcraft at 540-3518 for questions



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## Starting 1 October!



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\*Salad Bar

\*Soup of the day

\*Sweet/unsweet Tea/bottled drinks

For call-in orders please call 540-3981 Cash/Check only



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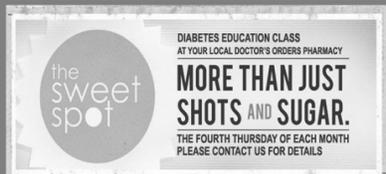
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# Arsenal's long-term roll jumps to two

*Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Workers Compensation Office*

Our injury compensation charge back cost for fourth quarter 2014 is \$582,266 for 120 cases. Charge back cost is what we pay.

The chargeback cost excludes tenants and cost for death and permanently non-employable cases which are paid at the Army level.

Unfortunately, our Long Term Roll (LTR) is no longer at zero. This quarter our LTR jumped to two. Our LTR has been as high as 29 for fiscal year 1991.

Injury compensation charge back cost is broken down by directorate as follows: Public Works- 46 percent, Chemical Biological Defense- 23 percent, Ammunition Operations- 19 percent, Information Management- one percent and Material Management-11 percent.

What can you do to reduce

compensation Slips/trips/falls is our most costly cause of injuries. Good housekeeping, quality of walking surfaces, selection of proper footwear, and appropriate pace of walking are critical for preventing fall accidents.

Manual handling is our second most costly cause of injuries. You should use proper lifting techniques, reduce size/weight of object, utilize two-person rule, use lifting devices, etc. It is important remembering that safety is everyone's business.

Prevention of injuries is the number one method to reduce our injury costs. However, when disability occurs returning the individual to duty, even if restricted, as soon as medically feasible not only reduces our compensation cost, but lowers our lost production rate.

Thank you to employees whom actively seek and accept

restricted employment and those supervisors modify duties so it is possible to accommodate their recovering employees!

Employees are required to promptly and accurately report all injuries to their supervisor, observe all safety rules/regulations/instructions, properly wear personal protective equipment, advise their physician of the availability of light duty, maintain contact during disability, and return to work as soon as medically feasible.

Supervisors are required to enforce safety rules/regulations/instructions and proper use of personal protective equipment, investigate injury circumstances, challenge questionable claims, accurately complete and submit claim forms in a timely manner, maintain contact with disabled employees, and accommodate recovering employees.

For information, call Blake Tolleson at 540-3076.

# General visits Radford plant



Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuistion, Deputy Commander of U.S. Army Materiel Command, Col. Chad Bauld, Commander of Pine Bluff Arsenal, and Lt. Col. Luis Ortiz, Commander of Radford Army Ammunition Plant, stop for a visit in the Dry House at Radford to receive talking points regarding the Nitro Cellulose process. The group also received a briefing regarding the Power House, which is 1940 era coal fired plant. Discussion centered on the future of Radford's plan for a gas fired plant and the need for modernization of the in ground water system. The general visited Radford Army Ammunition Plant in August. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RFAAP

# EAP target: Managing holiday stress

*Courtesy of PBA Employee Assistance Program*

Resiliency is about a balanced life, so the resiliency focus for the next few months will target managing holiday stress.

Holidays are a time when people are more prone to accumulate unhealthy credit card debt, exceed the annual budget and purchase luxury items. We are encouraging you to be aware and manage your holiday spending in a manner that is best for your long term goals/interest.

Keep the true reason for the season in mind and stick with basic things that are important to you and your family. Here are some reminders that we hope you will consider:

- Start by reviewing your financial situation with relevant others and create an appropriate spending plan.

- Only spend according to your personal financial situation and remember to include the non-gift items as you calculate cost, i.e. gift bags, holiday meals, extra gas for shopping and travel, etc.

- Take an inventory of left over supplies such as wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, etc., before you create your shopping list.

- Make sure all your existing decorations work, lights that frame the house and go on the trees, etc.

- Use your budget to create a gift list or define what you will spend on each person.

- Some stores are promoting layaways. Check your favorite stores to determine if a layaway is offered and appropriate for your plan.

- Consider partnering with extended family on large gifts, such as a vacation trip for

your parents.

- Look for applicable coupons in the paper, on line and in stores.

- Strive not to use credit cards. Use cash, checks or debit cards to allow you to monitor spending at the end of each shopping trip.

- If you are compelled to charge, use the lowest interest card and strive to not charge more than you can pay off in one, but no more than three months.

- Do price and features comparison shopping for specific items.

- Consider low-cost alternatives for some holiday traditions, i.e. pot luck dinner at home with extended family instead of going to a restaurant.

- Remember to avoid impulse buying.

- Suggest a family donation to a favorite charity to replace the gift exchange for extend family.

- If you will need to

ship items, consider flat rate services and remember on line purchases is a great resource for sending items to individuals out of town that you will not visit during the holidays.

The holiday season can be stressful with demands from the job, family, friends, and social commitments to others. We are encouraging you to plan your holiday budget and stick to it. Start shopping now to avoid last minute impulsive buys.

Always maintain your wellness routine—exercise, eat right, appropriate rest and remember the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) office staff is here to offer you a safe place to review and enhance your life plan. We are located at Building 13-040—attached to the health clinic—and our main number is 540-3094.

# Domestic Violence Awareness Month observed

*Courtesy of Army Community Service*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Many people assume that Domestic Violence only includes physical abuse. Not only is this not true, psychological abuse takes much longer to heal and has deeper, more far-reaching effects.

This is a list of abusive behaviors listed on the Psychological Maltreatment of Women Index:

- Been called names.
- Been sworn at.
- Yelled or screamed at.
- Treated in an inferior way.

- Been monitored (time, place).

- Jealousy or suspicious of friends.

- Accused you of having an affair.

- Interfered in relationships with family.

- Restricted your access to phone or car.

- Told you your feelings were irrational or crazy.

- Blamed you for his/her problems.

- Tried to make you feel crazy

For more information on getting help, call the National Domestic Violence Hot-

line at 1-800-799-0287, and in Little Rock at Dorcas House at 501-374-4022.

Pine Bluff Arsenal Family Advocacy Program at 870-540-3588

Local shelters are located in Pine Bluff at CASA. Call 870-535-

0287, and in Little Rock at Dorcas House at 501-374-4022.

To report Domestic Violence on the Arsenal, call the PBA Security Desk at 870-540-3505

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**THE WHITE HALL FOUNDER'S DAY FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD BEGINNING AT 12:00 NOON, AND WILL RUN THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.WHITEHALLFOUNDERSDAY.COM**

## Welcoming home the ECBC Crew



Family members and friends hold up signs waiting to greet the crew upon their return to Arkansas at the airport in Little Rock. PHOTOS SUBMITTED



Some young family members wait in anticipation of greeting their Dads at the Little Rock Airport upon their return from a mission overseas. Crew members from Pine Bluff Arsenal's Edgewood Biological Center returned Sept. 5, after many months at sea, destroying Syrian chemical weapons aboard the MV Cape Ray container ship.

## Golf tournament slated

The White Hall Founder's Day golf tournament will be held Oct. 11 at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Pine Haven Golf Course. This year's tournament is sponsored by the Arsenal and the White Hall Chamber of Commerce.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble flighted after 18 holes of play. Tee off will be at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$100. Registration is limited to one member being a White Hall resident until Oct. 6, and limited to one member outside of White Hall until Oct. 10. The tournament will be limited to a total of 27 teams. Registration is at White Hall City Hall. Refreshments will be provided including lunch.

Other tournament sponsors include Wes Booker Agency, White Hall Journal, Sissy's Log Cabin, Subway of White Hall, Fairfield Credit Union, MK Distributors, Lunsford and Associates and White Hall Police Association.

Golfers and volunteers will need to use the Dexter Gate entrance to the Arsenal on the day of the tournament. For information, contact Dan Cook at DanCook@shelterinsurance.com or Matt Soto at msoto@fai-pd.com or call City Hall at 247-2399.

## Pumpkin contest to be held

Pine Bluff Arsenal Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a grand pumpkin contest in conjunction with the Family Fall Bash Oct. 30.

Decorated pumpkins should be brought to Child, Youth and School Services no later than 5 p.m., Oct. 29. The pumpkins will be judged the morning of Oct. 30 and put on display during the Bash.

Prizes will be given. For information, call 540-3518.

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## FAMILY FALL BASH 2014

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5:30-7:30

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\*RAIN DATE: FOLLOWING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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**Dunk-a-COLA!**  
Pine Bluff Arsenal's fearless leader will be in a dunk booth! Each throw will "cost" one kid-friendly, non-perishable food item! Items will be donated to the local food pantry!  
Ideas for Items:  
- Mac-n-cheese  
- Ravioli  
- Pop Tarts

**THERE WILL BE:**

- **HOT DOGS!**
- **POPCORN!**
- **INFLATABLES!**
- **GAMES!**
- **FIRE TRUCKS!**
- **FACE PAINTING!**
- **PICTURE BOOTH!**
- **CANDY FOR KIDS IN COSTUME!**
- **TABLES FOR THE KIDS TO "TRICK-OR-TREAT" AT!!**

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