\mathbf{PBA} SAFETY GLANCE



Safety Element for fiscal year 2016: **Lost Day Case:** 0.27

Award Goal: 0.89

- * Lost time injuries for fiscal year 2016 is two. There is one lost time injuries as of Au**gust 30.**
- *Recordable injuries for fiscal year 2016 are 16. There is two recordable injuries as of August 30.
- *Pine Bluff Arsenal days without a lost time injury are <u>26</u>.
- *Pine Bluff Arsenal days without recordable injury are 26.
- *Estimated hours worked without a lost time injury: 97,283.

BRIDES New hotline established

Pine Bluff Arsenal has a new Domestic Victim Advocate Violence Hotline number for Soldiers and Family members. This number will continue to provide the same 24/7/365service for those in need of services and will assist in getting the victims to appropriate resources in a timely manner.

Services includes working with the Family Advocacy Program Manager in establishing a Safety Plan for victims (and other potential victims)—as well as assisting them with systems of medical treatment, law enforcement, social work, and legal counsel.

To report Spouse/Child Abuse on Pine Bluff Arsenal call 870-540-3505. To call the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Hotline call 855-827-0400. The SHARP Victim Advocate Hotline remains the same at 870-209-4093.

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Culture of Safety

PBA's recent accolades show results

By Rachel Selby

Over the last decade, Pine Bluff Arsenal has established a culture of safety. This is a practice that has taken time – involving leadership and employees in the process.

"Over time, we have integrated safety into all of our processes. It is not just one thing," said Mark Lumpkin, director of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs. "Today, the Arsenal is working at where safety can flourish. It is one historically safe work levels."

Material Command.

In June, the Arsenal was presented with the One Million Man Hour Award from the Arkansas Department of Labor, Arkansas Insurance Department and the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. The award represents approximately 739 employees who have accumulated one million work hours without a lost day away from work due to a work-related injury or illness between Aug. 18, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

In July, the Arsenal received AMC's Exceptional Organization Safety Award-Brigade Level for fiscal year 2015. According to information from AMC, this award "demonstrates the highest levels of dedication by the Arsenal towards safety and being an integral part of protecting the Army's most valuable resources".

"I believe this is the first time we

for safety," said Lumpkin. "We received an environmental award at the AMC level several years ago."

Having our employees engaged in the process is one of the most important things about the Arsenal's safety program, said Lumpkin. "Management and leadership is also an important part of it," he said. "We have an environment

"We have an environment where safety can nated safety into his or-With this integration has flourish. It is one thing to tell someone to use ganization. You could see come recent recognition their safety equipment. It is another thing where the changes once he took from the state and from the they understand why they need to wear this over as director," he said. Arsenal's higher headquare equipment and do it automatically."

"He took ownership of Arsenal's higher headquarters command, U.S. Army

> thing to tell someone to use their his successes they followed his safety equipment. It is another thing where they understand why they need to wear this equipment and do it automatically. This is not just happening by chance. Everyone considers this important."

When things do happen now, they are very isolated. "We are able to analyze and fix these problems quickly," said Lumpkin.

At this time last fiscal year, he said that we had four lost-time accidents.

'We have two now. Every year we get better and better," said Lumpkin. "The numbers used to be astronomical at one point when I first got into the safety area. I think one year we had approximately 18 losttime accidents. These numbers would be unheard of now. We don't have that loss of productive yield."

The workforce being more safety

have received an AMC level award conscience has made quite the change, said Todd Forthman, safety engineer with the Arsenal's Safety Division.

> We began to really see the cultural change in the 2009-2010 timeframe," said Forthman.

> One of the biggest changes in the safety culture at the Arsenal happened in the Directorate of Security, said Lumpkin. "That was a big tipping point from my perspective.

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rectorate. Once others saw

Police, who is the Director of Law Enforcement and Security, said that he has had a safety program for a long time.

"Everyone in my directorate is a safety officer. They have ownership of the program and tools to work the program," he said. "The program is very mature and runs itself. Any safety risks or hazards we have are being captured, reported and corrected."

Safety is the forefront of everything DLES does. "During my daily briefings with the staff, we talk about safety," said Police. "When you consider that DLES is a 24-7, 365-day operation, we roll more miles, operate more equipment and have more hours than any other directorate on the Arsenal. I have very few accidents."

Playground Renovations



Renovation work has begun on the playground behind the Pine Bluff Arsenal Child, Youth and School Service Center. According to Debbie Johnson, CYSS Coordinator, approval for this renovation was received in August 2012. The project is being fully funded from the U.S. Army Installation Management Command CYS Services. IMCOM received a total of \$25.8 million from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for renovating playgrounds to meet handicap accessible and natural component requirements, as well as to update unsafe or old playgrounds for the centers. The project is estimated to cost \$250,000. "The Child Development Center side of the playground had already been closed because we don't have children in that area. This playground will be used by children ages five to 12-years or school-age," she said. "Flintco is the contractor doing the construction and Playmart will do the installation of the new playground equipment." Johnson said that one tree and the current shade structure will remain in place. The project is expected to be completed in the next 60 days or towards the end of October. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL SELBY

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

Commander's Column

This Sunday will mark the 15th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on our Nation. I ask that you take a moment reflect on the tremendous sacrifices of that day. We need to continue to remember those that died on that day, as well as the military service members, civilians and contractors who gave their lives in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

Pine Bluff Arsenal is an important part of our Nation's military. The products we make and maintain here save lives and protect our Soldiers. I know everyone here takes great pride in that fact.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. This year's theme is "#Be There - Your Actions Could Save a Life." As part of the Arsenal's suicide awareness campaign this year, fact sheets will be sent from the Employee



Col. Kelso C. **Horne III**

Assistance Program office to all employees. These fact sheets will include statistical data from the National Alliance on Mental Illness or NAMI and other resources, warning signs, risk factors and more. World Suicide Day will be observed Sept. 10 to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect friends, individuals, and families to the resources they need to

tion. If any employee has questions, they can contact EAP at 540-3094.

With the continued draw down across our military, we have a greater responsibility to ensure we retain our critical manufacturing capabilities. To this end, we have to keep our expenses down and focus on effectiveness and efficiencies.

We need to ensure our products perform each and every time they are needed. This will require a greater focus on strategic issues, listening to our customers and showcasing what we can do for them.

We recently conducted a two-day workshop to assist with my transition as Arsenal commander, and to sharpen and enhance our strategic focus. This workshop involved Directors and other members of our Arsenal

address suicide preven- workforce and developed our Lines of Effort: Capture Future Workload and Capabilities; Cultivate Relationships; and Control Costs.

> I have had several meetings recently with Arkansas state leaders and the Congressional delegation. They recognize the value of Pine Bluff Arsenal to the region, State, and Nation. I recently spoke to the Pine Bluff Rotary Club and gave them an update on the Arsenal's missions.

I spoke with them about the items you produce each day, and the emerging lines of production like the new smoke compounds, and protective equipment.

As we continue into September, we are now past Labor Day. School is in full swing. The weather has been a bit unpredictable with periods of heavy rain and storms to sweltering continue to stay mind- must take care of them ful of the daily weather changes and heat index updates that are sent out by security. Take a safe work environscheduled breaks, stay hydrated and limit outdoor work during the hot times. Continue to be safety conscious and watch out for each

My Command Philosophy is "Mission First. People Always. Enjoy What We Do." Mission must The come first. The readiness we provide the Warfighter is the reason there is an Arsenal - this is non-negotiable. People are our key resource. They make Pine Bluff agile, responsive, and innovative. We through timely evaluations and awards, consistent drug screenings, ment, and treating every person with dignity and respect.

Enjoy what we do. This is a great Arsenal with an important mission. Find what fires your passion for the work and use that to bring energy to what you do.

I appreciate everything you do for the Arsenal, our Nation and our military service members. Your contributions strengthen our Nation's military and help us remain ready for anything the future brings.

Social Security

Focus on retirement planning

By Tonya Cater Social Security Public Affairs

When most people begin their career, retirement is the farthest thing from their mind. Instead, they focus on trying to purchase a home, start a family, or perhaps save money for travel. Retirement seems so far away for many younger people that they delay putting aside money. Howêver, it's very important to save for the future — if you want to enjoy it.

An employer-sponsored retirement plan or 401(k) can be a useful way to set aside funds for retirement, especially if your employer offers matching funds on what you invest. If you don't work for an employer that offers this type of plan, there are many other plans designed to help you save for retirement.

From solo 401(k)s to traditional and Roth planning — today!

IRAs, there are programs designed to fit a multitude of budgets. The earlier you start to save, the

more funds you'll have ready for retirement.

In addition to traditional programs, the U.S. Department of the Treasury now offers a retirement savings option called myRA. There's no minimum to open the account, you can contribute what you can afford, and you can withdraw funds with ease. To learn more about myRA, visit www.myra.gov.

And, as always, there is Social Security, which is funded by taxes you pay while you work. To get estimates of future benefits and check your earnings record for accuracy, you can create a my So-Security account

www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Prepare for your future and start saving — and

temperatures. Please



Letters to the Editor

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Army Regulation-360

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 re-

Only the commanders and their designated presentatives are authorized to speak for Obviously, classified information won't be 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 ex-

This needs to be coordinated through the The Public Affairs Program is the overall Public Affairs Office. They shouldn't comresponsibility of the Arsenal commander. ment on military matters that are beyond

discussed at all.

Pine Bluff Arsenal

Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)

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*Financial problems *Marriage and family problems

*Substance abuse *Health management

issues *Stress management

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Come visit with EAP staff members Pat Jenkins, Cassandra Cosen and Dee Nesby

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Arsenal Sentinel

Online Conduct

Think. Type. Post

untarily incur an extraordinary moral obligation to uphold the Army Values, which apply to all aspects of our life. Although our lives are changed by the Internet and social media in general, the standards of our conduct have not.

Online misconduct is misconduct -wherever, whenever, and however it occurs. Whether in the form of online harassment, assault, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, improper relationships, or any other type of misconduct, we hold ourselves and others accountable.

Trustworthy Army Professionals do not toler-

"Army Professionals, by our solemn oath, vol- ate double standards; anything that is unacceptable to say or do in person is also unacceptable

to write or post online. When using electronic communication, members of the Army Team should apply "Think,

"Think" about what messages/information is being communicated and who could potentially view it; "Type" messages or convey information that is consistent with the Army Values; and "Post" if the message/information is responsible and demonstrates dignity and respect for others. Remember whenever on online -Think, Type,

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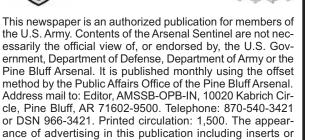
- I am an Army Civilian a member of the Army Team
- I am dedicated to our Army, our Soldiers and Civilians
- I will always support the mission
- I provide stability and continuity during war and peace
- I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and consider it an honor to serve our Nation and our Army
- I live the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage
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CPAC Corner

Q&A for FEGLI Open Season

Quick facts through Dates-Now Sept. 30, 2016 •Effective Date-On/after Oct 1, 2017

•Premium deductions reflected on LES October 26, 2017

•Enroll via EBIS/ABC-C •Information found at: https://www.opm.gov/h ealthcare-insurance/lifeinsurance/open-season/

IMPORTANT: Employees should be aware that FEGLI elections made between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017 due to a Qualifying Life Event or due to approval after taking a physical will VOID any Open Season election made.

1. What is an Open Sea-

A FEGLI Open Season is a rare event allowing eligible Federal employees to enroll in or increase their life insurance coverage in the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program without providing evidence of medical insurability or answering any health questions. Now is the time to review your current life insurance coverage to see if it continues to meet your needs. Remember, employees can decrease coverage at any time but opportunities to elect or increase coverage are limited.

2. Why is Open Season important to me?

-Outside of the initial, new-employee enrollment opportunity, an employee can normally only elect to enroll or increase FEGLI coverage due to a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) or by undergoing a physical and receiving approval from the Office of Federal Employees' Group Insurance

-If you are not enrolled in the maximum life insurance coverage on yourself or your family members, Open Season is an opportunity to enroll in or increase your FEGLI coverage for yourself and your eligible dependent family members without answering any medical questions and regardless of your current health status

or increase my coverage for the FEGLI 2016 Open Season?

Elections can be made between September 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016

4. What choices are available to me?

Basic Life Insurance-Coverage on yourself for an amount equal to your annual rate of basic pay, rounded up to the next \$1,000, plus \$2,000.

Plus three types of Optional Life Insurance. You must carry Basic Life Insurance to enroll in Optional Life Insurance but may elect any combination of Optional Life Insurance coverage offered.

Option A – Standard covers your life for \$10,000

Option B – Additional covers your life for one, two, three, four, or five multiples of your annual rate of basic pay rounded up to the next \$1,000. You may elect between one and five multiples of Option B coverage.

Option C – Family covers the lives of your spouse and all eligible children. You can elect one, two, three, four, or five multiples of Option C coverage. Each multiple is equal to \$5,000 of coverage on the life of a spouse and \$2,500 of coverage on the lives of each eligible child. The cost of Option C

coverage is based on the www.opm.gov/life. number of multiples you elect, not on how many eligible family members you have. Generally, eligible children are your unmardependent ried children under age 22.

More information on the types of coverage available, including information on Acciden-Death Dismemberment coverage (part of Basic and Option A for employees) and the Extra Benefit for employees under age 45 can be found in the FEGLI Handbook www.opm.gov/life.

5. Have the types of coverage changed for the FEGLI 2016 Open Season?

No, the types of coverage available during the FEGLI 2016 Open Season will be the same as currently available cov-

6. How much does the coverage cost? Detailed information

on cost for coverage can found www.opm.gov/life.

7. How can I enroll in or increase my coverage for the FEGLI 2016 Open Season?

-Army employees must make their FEGLI Open Season election via the CAC-enabled Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) at

https://www.ebis.army. mil/login.aspx or by speaking to an Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) benefits specialist at 877-276-9287 between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm Central Time.

Season" option in the EBIS transactions area will be activated. Simply follow the prompts to complete your enrollment.

-Be sure to elect ALL of the FEGLI coverage you wish to have, including coverage you already have if you wish for it to continue, not just the new coverage you are electing during the Open Season. Any coverage not elected on the Open Season election will be cancelled/waived, effective with the effective date **3. When can I enroll in** of your Open Season election.

-Make sure that you click on the submit transaction button when finished and print a copy of your enrollment form (SF 2817) for your records. Because of the delayed effective date, it is extremely important that you retain a copy of your enrollment form as proof of the enroll-

8. When does my Open Season election become

effective? There is a one year delayed effective date for coverage elected during the FEGLI Open Season. Elections will take effect the first day of your first pay period that begins on or after October 1, 2017, as long as you meet pay and duty status requirements. For most biweekly employees, this means your coverage will be effective October 1, 2017

9. Where can I find information more about the FEGLI 2016 Season? https://www.opm.gov/h ealthcare-insurance/lifeinsurance/open-season/ or the ABC-C https://www.abc.army.m il/FederalBenefitsOpenSeason.html

10. Where can I learn more about the FEGLI Program in general? Watch the Your FEGLI Life Insurance videos

Handbook

11. If I'm happy with the coverage I have now, do I need to do anything?

No, you are not required to re-elect your current FEGLI coverage during the Open Season. If you do nothing, your current FEGLI election will remain in place.

12. Will we now have an Open Season every

A FEGLI Open Season is a rare event. No one knows when the next one might be, so be sure to take advantage of this FEGLI 2016 Open Season.

13. Why is OPM holding an Open Season for the FEGLI Program? OPM periodically holds an Open Season for the FEGLI Program to allow FEGLI-eligible employees to enroll in or increase their life insurance coverage. This is the first Open Season since 2004.

14. What is included in my Annual Rate of Basic Pay?

This is your annual pay as fixed by law or regulation. If your pay is "capped" by law, your annual pay for FEGLI purposes is the capped amount; i.e., amount you are actually being paid.

Your annual rate of Basic Pay may include other types of pay such

• Interim geographic adjustments and locality-based comparability payments (i.e. locality

 Night differential pay for wage employees; Environmental differ--Between September ential pay for employ-1st and 30th, the "Open ees exposed to danger or physical hardship; • Premium pay for administratively uncontrolled overtime for groups such as law enforcement officers

> Your annual rate of Basic Pay does not include other types of pay such as: bonuses, allowances, overtime, holiday and military pay, or lump-sum payments for accrued leave. Contact your Civilian Personnel Adleave. visory Center (CPAC) or the ABC-C if you are not sure of your Annual Rate of Basic Pay, or check your most recent SF 50 Notification of Personnel Action form. For more information, review the FEGLI Handbook chapter on Annual Rate of Basic

15. Where can I find my current level of FEGLI coverage?

You may see your current FEGLI coverage in EBIS. Click on My Benefits and look under the Insurance tab. EBIS will show you your current enrollment and the dollar amount of coverage you currently have, including any adjustment for age. Employees under age 45 receive additional life insurance coverage automatically, at no cost. This "extra benefit" decreases each year until at age 45, there is no "extra benefit" and the coverage is based purely on your rate of basic pay.

You can also check your most recent SF 50 Notification of Personnel Action form. In Block 27, there is a 2-character code that represents your current FEGLI coverage and a definition of the code. For example, if Block 27 shows "CO-Basic only", that means you have Basic life only with no optional coverage. You can look up the codes and definitions in the FEGLI Handbook. Then visit the FEGLI Calculator to determine and review the FEGLI the face value of your coverage based on your

salary and enrollment. tive date and employees You can find your SF 50 Notification of Personnel Action form by logging in to MyBiz+ on the Civilian Personnel On Line website at

16. Is there any advantage to making my elec-tion at the beginning of the Open Season instead of at the end?

It does not matter if you submit your election at the beginning or end of the enrollment timeframe. However, by submitting your election early in the Open Season, you will avoid any potential problems with systems going down or high call volume as a result of employees waiting to enroll at the end of the Open Season.

If you change your mind, you can make more than one Open Season election during the Open Season timeframe. The last valid election received during the Open Season is the one that will go into effect.

Your Open Season election will become effective on the first day of the first pay period that begins on or after October 1, 2017 as long as you meet pay and duty status requirements. For most Army employees, that will be October 1, 2017 and will be reflected on the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) for pay date October 26, 2017. All employees should review their LES to ensure that it reflects the proper FEGLI coverage and promptly notify the ABC-C if there is an

17. What is Pay and **Duty Status?**

Pay and Duty Status is time when you are actively working and not on any type of leave, such as annual leave, sick leave, donated leave, leave without pay, excused absence, absence from duty, or any other type of leave.

18. What are the Pay and Duty Status requirements?

A full-time employee on a biweekly pay period must be in pay and duty status for at least 32 hours during the pay period right before the one in which the coverage is to become effec-

A part-time employee must be in pay and duty status for one-half of the regularly-scheduled tour of duty shown on his/her current SF 50. An intermittent employee or an employee without a regularlyscheduled tour of duty who is eligible for FEGLI coverage must be in pay and duty status for one-half of the customarily hours worked in a pay period.

Employing offices can determine the number of hours customarily worked by totaling the number of hours worked in the calendar year quarter ending June 30, 2016, and dividing that by the number of pay periods in that quarter.

Please note that sick leave, annual leave, donated leave, or any other kind of leave, whether paid or unpaid, does not qualify as pay and duty status.

New coverage does NOT begin until the employee meets the pay and duty status requirements, even if that is after October 2017. For some employees, new coverage will never begin because they will never meet the pay and duty status requirements. Some examples are: employees who separate or retire before the open season effec-

in non-pay status who do not return to pay status for at least the required number of hours indicated above.

http://www.cpol.army. 19. Who is eligible to participate in the Open Season?

All employees who are eligible for the FEGLI Program, including those who previously waived coverage, can participate. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for FEGLI, contact your CPAC or the ABC-C.

20. Who is not eligible to participate in the Open Season?

Employees excluded from FEGLI coverage by law or regulation on or after September 1, 2016 cannot participate. For these employ-ees, Block 27 of the SF 50 will read A0.

21. Can employees in a Nonpay status participate?

Yes, as long as you are within your first 12 months of nonpay status, when you are considered to still be insured as an employee for the purposes of FEGLI. However, any coverage you elect during the Open Season will not become effective until you meet the pay and duty requirements on or after October 1, 2017.

22. Can annuitants par-

ticipate? Annuitants who are reemployed in a position which conveys FEGLI eligibility may participate. However, coverage new elected must still meet the five-year requirement to be continued under the retirement annuity when reemployment ends. Open Season is not considered a first opportunity to elect coverage for the purposes of the fiveyear rule to continue coverage into retire-

23. Can compensationers participate?

ment.

Compensationers can participate in the Open Season if they are still insured as employees (i.e., during the first 12 months in nonpay status) from a FEGLI-eligible position. However, as with any other employee in nonpay status, any coverage that compensationers elect during the Open Season will not become effective until they meet the pay and duty requirements on or after October 1, 2017.

Compensationers who are reemployed on a part-time basis are also eligible to participate, unless their position is excluded by law or regulation.

24. Do I have to answer any health questions or submit evidence of medical insurability to make an Open Season election?

25. Do I have to provide a marriage, birth certificate or any identifying family member information to enroll in or increase Option C Family coverage during the Open Season?

No, Option C covers all eligible family members. Employees pay the same premium whether there is one eligible family member or 10 eligible family members. Proof of relationship is only required if a claim is submitted for death benefits.

26. I assigned my life insurance coverage to someone using form RI 76-10, Assignment of Federal Employees Group Life Insurance. What happens to the new coverage I elect

during the FEGLI 2016 Open Season?

Your existing assignment will cover any new coverage you elect (except for Option C -Family Insurance, which cannot be assigned). 27. Can someone with

my power of attorney elect coverage for me? No. Someone with your power of attorney, a guardian, a conservator, or anyone else cannot sign for you. Only you, the employee, may elect coverage during the Open Season.

28. Can I cancel or reduce my coverage during Open Season?

You can cancel or reduce your FEGLI life insurance coverage at any time; you do not need to wait for an Open Season. You can make your cancelation or reduction using

https://www.ebis.army. mil/login.aspx or by speaking to an Army Benefits Center-Civil-ian (ABC-C) benefits specialist at 877-276-9287 between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm Central Time.

Non-Open Season cancellations or reductions are effective at the end of the pay period in which the election is made. If you are only reducing your coverage or cancelling one option but not waiving all of your FEGLI coverage, you must select Decrease Coverage from the EBIS drop down box. You will then elect the coverage that you wish to continue. If you are waiving all FEGLI coverage, you must select Waive Coverage from the EBIS drop down box. This will waive ALL FEGLI coverage.

If you want the coverage to stop or reduce on the effective date for Open Season elections, the change must be made during the Open Season dates and by selecting the Open Season option in the EBIS drop down menu. This option will only appear during the Open Season election window. Again, you will elect the coverage that you wish to continue. The coverage you currently have that you do not sign for will stop on the Open Season effective date.

29. I submitted my Open Season elections last week, but now want to change my mind. Can I submit another election?

If it is between September 1 and 30, 2016, you may simply log into EBIS and make a new election. If you need assistance submitting a new Open Season election, you can contact an ABC-C benefits specialist at 877-276-9287 between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm Central Time. After September 30, 2016, you can void your election, but you cannot submit a new Open Season election. Voiding an Open Season election will return you to the coverage that you had prior to the Open Season.

If, after September 30, 2016, you wish to decrease the amount of coverage you elected during Open Season, but not void the Open Season election completely, you can notify the ABC-C in writing that you want to reduce the amount of coverage elected during the Open Season. For requirements regarding decreasing your Open Season election, you should contact an ABC-C benefits specialist at 877-276-9287 between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm Central Time.

2016 CYSS SUMMER CAMP



Cassie Scholes, Morgan Burnett, Presley Milburn and Tanya Tiernan dance the hula during Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services Summer Camp 2016 talent show.



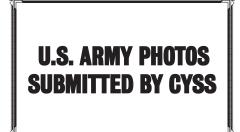
From left, front row, Presley Milburn, Trinity Hagood, Bethany Phillips and (back row) Skyy Jones pose for a silly photo.



Alvin Wu performs magic tricks during the **Summer Camp 2016 talent show.**



Raylyn Long and Ashleigh Guynn enjoy some beach ball fun during a water





Tyry Gao plays a game of "musical hula hoops".



Gus Hedden and Kyle Babb play a game of checkers.



Taylah Williams enjoy a snack of watermelon in the demonstration kitchen at the Arsenal's **Child, Youth and School Services** Center.



Maliyah Hunt enjoys a slice of pizza at the bowling alley during a Summer Camp field trip.



Aliyah Long, Aram Earnest, Bethany Phillips, Presley Milburn, Morgan Burnett, Aileen Paredes, and John Vanveckhoven participate in a S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) engineering project by building a gumdrop tower from gum drops and toothpicks. The object of the activity wasn't to build a tall structure, but a strong structure that could support books.



Ja'Mya Goodloe, Kayley Hobson and Nira Pugh work on puzzles during Summer Camp 2016.

Radford donates backpacks to local school



Photo above, Lt. Col. Alicia Masson, commander of Radford **Ammunition** Armv Plant. Radford. Va.. meets with representatives from Belview Elementary to deliver backpacks to students at the school. This is an elementary school that has been adopted by RFAAP because it has a close proximity to the facility. Each backpack contain material for either a third or fifth grade boy or girl. Extra materials like tissues, Clorox wipes, glue sticks and hand sanitizer were also donated to the school. This is the fourth event that Radford has participated in support of education in the area. Photo right, backpacks

fill a cart at the school ready for donation.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS-**RFAAP**



PBA continues rebadging efforts

Information provided by Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security
Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Law En-

forcement and Security began the task of re-badging all authorized personnel on the installation July 18. Re-badging will continue through Sept. 30. Current badges expire Sept. 30. The various directorates were assigned two-week blocks for their personnel to be re-badged. The last week of September will be set aside specifically for personnel who were unable to be re-badged during sonnel who were unable to be re-badged during their allotted times.

During the allotted times, personnel will need to come to the Pass and Registration Office in the Creasy Complex, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individuals will turn in their current badge and a completed PBA Form 190-17, PBA Installation Access Badge Request. Both of these things must be done to be issued a new

Directors need to review and determine their assigned personnel's access requirements and annotate the correct area or areas of access on each individual's PBA Form 190-17, to ensure that the correct areas of access are assigned to the badge.

The following schedule has been set up to accomplish the re-badging efforts:

• Sept. 1, 5-8 – Public Works, Outside Government Agencies and PBA Government Employee

• Sept. 12-15 and 19-22 – Contractors. (Note: Please make sure non-DoD-cardholding contractors are notified of their re-badge times. They must bring a completed PBA form 190-5 in addition to the completed PBA Form 190-17 and their current badge. Also, please ensure that the Pass and Registration Office is notified of the sponsorship via email prior to the contractor's arrival for re-badging.)

re-badging.)
• Sept. 26-29 – Make-ups.
Entry onto the installation will be denied effective Oct. 1, if badge has not been renewed. One important noted change during the re-badging is the removal of the PBA Retiree and Retiree Spouse Badges due to the availability of Government Civilian Retiree CAC cards, as well as the inability to verify former employment or retirement ability to verify former employment or retirement from the Arsenal

For further information about the DLES Rebadging effort, contact Shannon Stowell at 870-540-3795 or shannon.n.stowell2.civ@mail.mil.





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new fryer and warmer (photo above) allowed Cool Breezes to keep food hot and fresh for their customers. Patrons can order by calling the food service facility, which opened on Pine Bluff Arsenal in 2011, or by coming to their window (photo, right) and giving their order to the clerk. The facility is located next to the Arsenal's pool com-plex and serves up burgers, fries, chicken fingers and frito pies from Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to **12:30 p.m.** U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL **SELBY**

improves Breezes service with help of survey

By Rachel Selby

Since March 2011, Cool Breezes has been a great place for employees to grab a bite for lunch or snack. The food service facility was upgraded at that time in conjunction with swimming pool renovations, and has expanded their services over the years with changes in the menu as well as more outdoor seating.

Billy Ray Ashcraft, supervisory sports specialist and manager of Cool Breezes for Pine Bluff Arsenal's Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate, said that a lot of there may be new ones based on the new menu items came directly out of survey, said Ashcraft. the results of the last survey given to

employees.
"The results are very random, but people were wanting specific things. It is hard to buy things based on one person's preference but we do the best we can," he said. 'The surveys are beneficial."

The facility has gotten new equipment recently including a new fryer and warmer. "This is something that major industrial kitchens use," he said. "We got this during the summer and it has really helped keep the food fresh and hot.

The two main things that people cording to Ashcraft. "It reminds me 540-3777.

of the old fashioned dairy bar. Frito pies are also pretty popular," he said.

A new survey focusing on foods more popular during fall and winter - like soups - will go out this month. "We start looking at changing the menus once the weather starts to cool down," said Ashcraft. "Last year, we started serving the soups way too early. It was still too warm and they didn't sell as well. We may have to wait until it gets really cold."

Soup choices will be based on

what was popular last year. However,

The food establishment does have its regular customers. "We have cer-tain customers that come on certain days," he said. "Some customers just have to tell us their name and we know what they are going to order. They never change."

Two employees run Cool Breezes - a sales clerk and a cook. "This is a great facility to have. I know the effort it takes to run it and keep it clean," said Ashcraft. "The majority of our customers want something quick that they can come pick up. We can do that.'

Hours at Cool Breezes are 10:30 buy when they come to Cool Breeze a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through are burgers and chicken strips, ac- Thursday. For call-in orders, call

Communication is theme of observance

Courtesy of AMCOM
Tornadoes. Hurricanes. Robberies. Active shooter situations. accidents.

Each is a disaster that can cause physical, emotional and financial ruin for its victims. But the long-lasting effects of such disasters can be minimized when potential victims prepare themselves in advance of possible emergencies.

September is National Preparedness Month. It's a call to action for families and communities to prepare now for emergencies

that can affect them environment. where they live, work,

play and visit. National Prepared-Credit card thefts. Car ness Month is a national program observed annually be presidential proclamation, led by the Federal Emergency Emergency Management Agency and supported by the Department of the Army.

The theme for this year's National Preparedness Month is 'Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

Practicing preparedness means different things depending on the aid kit.

At home, where people have the most control, there are several things they can do to be prepared, such as having flashlights in the home, putting together an emergency packet of supplies and storing it in a safe, dry place; and developing a family emergency plan.

At work, employees should be familiar with exits and emergency locations at the work site, practice accountability reporting and keep emergency gear such as a flashlight and a first



Ray Brame, Supervisory Contract Specialist, Scott Shelton, HSAAP Supervising Chemical Engineer, Alexander Large, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Phil Roe, and Todd Hayes, General Manager, BAE Systems, pose for a photo during Large's visit to Holston Army Ammunition Plant.

Large visits Holston plant

By Kathy O. Cole HSAAP Public Affairs

KINGSPORT, Tenn. – Monday August 29 2016, Mr. Alexander J. Large, Legislative Assistant, to Congressman Phil Roe visited Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) for the first time. Mr. Large was met by Mr. Scott Shelton, Supervisory Chemical Engineer, HSAAP, Mr. Ray Supervisory Brame, Contract Specialist, HSAAP and Mr. Todd Hayes, General Manager for BAE Systems. support of our service Mr. Large received a members and currently windshield tour of Holston, with special emphases on wastewater plant. Mr. Large has been a part of Congressmen Roe's staff for six years. During this time he has had the opportunity to work with Military, Civilian, and Contractors on the ongoing wastewater projects at Holston. Mr. Large stated that "the biggest eye opener to him was the size of

the facility.' The Army has put approximately 150 Million dollars over the last nine plus years on contract for projects to rethe Research duce

Development Explosive for every type of ord-(RDX) level in the nance used by the Dewastewater effluent to partment of Defense. the Holston River. Mr.

cility, manufacturing facility and some of Holston's wildlife. Holston is a govern-

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ment-owned, contractor- operated facility located in Kingsport, Tenn. BAE Systems is the current operating contractor. Since 1942, Holston has produced chemical explosives in produces explosive fills

Holston is a subordi-

Large viewed the con- nate installation of the Joint Munitions Command. JMC operates a nationwide network of conventional ammunition manufacturing plants and storage depots, and provides onammunition site experts to U.S. combat units wherever they are stationed or deployed. JMC's customers are U.S. forces of all military services, other U.S. government agencies and allied nations.











For more information about this Wellbeats plan, contact Pine Bluff Arsenal Recreation Services at 540-3778.

Workers' Comp

CQS now available for **Arsenal employees**

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Workers' Compesation Office

Federal employees now have access through the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) web bill processing portal to case specific information regarding their own federal workers' compensation claim(s).

The Claimant Query System (CQS) allows an injured employee the ability to access information regarding their own claim, such as: case file status, accepted conditions, address of record, compensation claim status, compensation payments, medical billings, reimbursement requests, eligibility, and authorization inquiries.

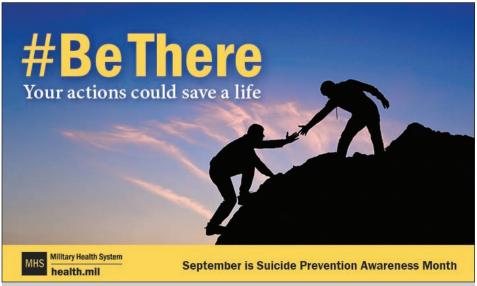
To access CQS, employees can go through the ACS-DOL web portal at HYPERLINK "http://owcp.dol.acshttp://owcp.dol.acs-

inc.com. After selecting the user type "Claimant", they will be directed to the log-in page where they must enter their case file number, date of birth, and date of injury. A "Bill Status Inquiry" screen will then appear for queries concerning bills - either resolved or in process. Eligibility and accepted conditions as well as medical authorizations can also be checked at this point.

Claimants can then click on "CQS" under "Inquiries" which will direct them to the CQS main page. Users may query one case at a time by entering the 9 digit case file number. Only cases belonging to the user may be accessed.

Detailed information regarding CQS query screens is located on Z:\FECA\CQS.

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



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The theme this year is "#BE THERE" Your Actions Could Save a Life.
As part of the Pine Bluff Arsenal's Suicide Awareness campaign this year, fact sheets will be sent out for all employees. The information in the suicide awareness fact sheets will include statistical data from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and other resources, warning signs, risk factors and

Please stay tuned for more suicide awareness information and

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Arsenal's Employee Assistance Program at 540-3094.



Welton Boyce, Angie Campbell, Danielle Graves, Jason Graves, David Hudman, Erma Lephiew (not picture), Devan McClellan, Anne McGuire, Kelly Murphy, Rodney Rutledge, and Chris Taylor were all recognized Aug. 30 for their efforts as part of Pine Bluff Arsenal's LMP team. Certificates of appreciation and two-star letters were given during the weekly staff meeting by Col. Kelso C. Horne, Arsenal commander. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MOR-

PBA LMP team is recognized for Increment 2 training efforts

Pine Bluff Arsenal had 14 Logistics Modernization Program Cadre who attended Capstone training at of Staff for Operations Rock Island Arsenal, and Logistics, James C. Were over the Ammo Ill. This training was held over a 16 week period to prepare and Danielle Graves, Jason area for PBA. They atteach the cadre training materials. The LMP training was provided to over 140 Arsenal emplovees and was completed in 12 weeks. For LMP Increment 2, there was a total of 97 course sessions taught to 839 PBA students (with over 140 PBA LMP employees: clearly some had to take multiple courses).

Due to schedule conflicts and the rigorous schedule for the Cadre and the other LMP employees, this team of Cadre provided multiple desk-side trainings to ensure that PBA met the goal of LMP Increment 2 training completions. instruction and lab time was over 5,000 hours.

Eleven LMP Cadre received certificates of appreciation Aug. 30, during the weekly staff meeting. The certifi-

Land Mobile Radio tower construction is

Courtesy of Pine Bluff cates were in recogni- While all the PBA LMP for the various courses.

Arsenal LMP Office tion of the outstanding Cadre provided great If anyone was unable to tion of the outstanding support to the recent deployment of LMP and were signed by three stood out for Principal Deputy Chief following reasons: Graves, David Hud- tended eight capstone man, Erma Lephiew, events for those areas Devan McClellan, Anne as well as a few Ammo McGuire, Kelly Mur- AIT workshops. Tophy, Rodney Rutledge and Chris Taylor re- the Directorate of Maceived the certificates.

> PBA LMP Cadre received two-star letters. The PBA LMP team submitted information are key to the Ammo for accomplishments AIT process at PBA. noted below and were Not only did they teach awarded three two-star the courses and attend letters. The letters were in recognition for their solid performance as a at MM. key factor in helping the workforce do their jobs more effectively and efficiently in the new LMP functionality signed by Major General, U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Logistics, capstone events and a G3/4, Steven Shapiro. few CAMS workshops. Albert Belcher, Allen Earnhart taught 22 Huff and John Earn- course sessions, howhart received the letters ever unlike Belcher and Aug. 30, during the Huff he actually taught

support and put forth significant effort, these three stood out for the

Belcher and Huff gether, this team from terial Management, The three remaining taught a total of 29 course sessions. It is important to mention that Allen and Albert workshops, they also maintained job duties

Earnhart's focus was HCM -Human Capital Management (Timekeeping) as well as CAMS (Complex Automated Manufacturing tem). He attended 12

Cadre provided great If anyone was unable to make their scheduled date to teach, Earnhart was always the one to count on to step in at the last minute to provide assistance and teach the course.

A two-star letter was

also presented to Kelley Dancer. Dancer managed the LMP Cadre as they attended the Capstone courses in Illinois. She also determined the needs and course load for all PBA LMP employees for LMP Increment 2, organized the teaching schedule accommodating the LMP Cadre and LMP employees to best accomplish the training requirements as well as Mission First. Dancer also continues to ensure new PBA LMP employees are provided their training and that the information is tracked and updated in TED (Total Émployee Development).

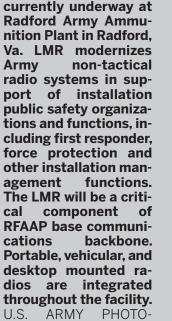
Speaking to Rotary



Col. Kelso C. Horne III, commander of Pine Bluff Arsenal, speaks to members of the West Pine Bluff Rotary Club during a luncheon meeting Aug. 25 at the Pine Bluff Country Club. Horne spoke about the Arsenal's missions as well as its importance to national defense. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN

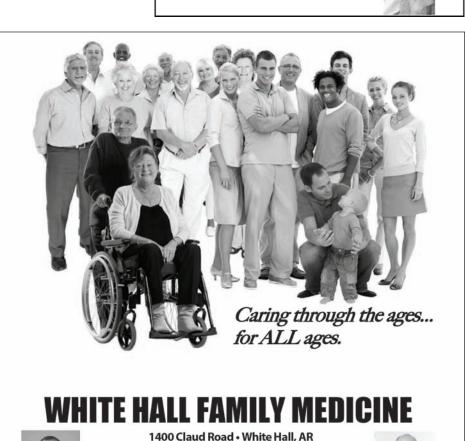


weekly staff meeting. with six different Cadre LMR Construction at Radford



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Jarvis Paylor (photo above right), and Kaela Hodge(bottom photo), teens that participate in Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services Center middle school-teen program, receive certificates from Col. Kelso C. Horne III, Arsenal commander, for their participation in the U.S. Army Youth Leadership Forum. About 100 teenagers from different Army bases around the country came together in July at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, S.C., to discuss issues that the teens had on their individual bases. Team building exercises, problem-solving skills as well as presentations of activities at the individual bases were a highlight of the forum. Cassandra Thornton (top photo), Sports and Fitness Program Associate with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services, received a certificate of appreciation from Col. Kelso C. Horne III, Arsenal commander, for her participation in the U.S. Army Youth Leadership Forum in Summerton, S.C. She accompanied Paylor and Hodge to the forum, which was held in July, this year. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN

Visit with Governor



From left, Pine Bluff Arsenal Deputy Commander Larry Wright, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Kelso C. Horne III, and Pine Bluff Arsenal Deputy Commander designee Roch Byrne pose for a photo during a meeting hosted by the governor's office. The meeting was part of the transition process for Horne as the incoming commander of PBA. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

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The Pine Bluff Arsenal Child Youth & School Services Center (Name of Institution/Facility)

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5	36,972	3,081	711	5	52,614	4,385	1,012
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Don't Scan Your CAC!

CAC Scan, a free application for Android devices, was recently released on Google Play. With it, users could scan the barcode on the front of Common Access Cards (CAC), which contain some personally identifiable information (PII) such as the name, social security number, rank, and DoD ID number of the CAC cardholder.

DO NOT download or use any application designed to read the barcode, magnetic strip, or integrated circuit chip on your CAC. The application could be sending your PII to people you don't want to send your PII to!

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General Tips about Mobile Apps:

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 moment to review the "About the Developer" section. This gives
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- Perusing user ratings and reviews gives you a sense of the veracity of the application's claims. Inarguably, no app is completely perfect for all users, but complaints about security concerns should quickly stand out from other relatively benign issues.
- If you're unsure and inadvertently download an app, inspect your device's application permissions screen to determine what other applications or information will be accessed by the app. A video game, for example, is unlikely to have a legitimate need to access your contacts.

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- A person wearing clothes that are too
- big and too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- People asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know.
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