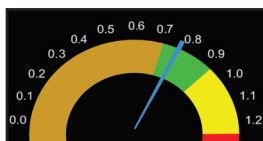


## PBA celebrates Army's 250th birthday



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### PBA Safety Glance



**Safety Element for  
fiscal year 2025  
Lost Day Case Rate: 0.79  
Award Goal: 0.95**

**\*Lost time injuries for fiscal  
year 2025 are three. There  
are zero lost time injuries for  
June 2025.**

**\*Recordable injuries for fis-  
cal year 2025 are 10. Record-  
able injuries is zero for June  
2025.**

**\*Pine Bluff Arsenal days with-  
out a lost time injury is 118.**

**\*Pine Bluff Arsenal days with-  
out a recordable injury is 95.**

**\*Estimated hours worked  
without a lost time injury:  
342,442.**

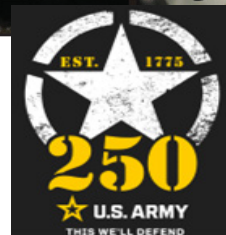


Pine Bluff Arsenal celebrated the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday with three cake cuttings June 12. One was held with the Workforce at the Directorate of Ammunition Operations (above left), one was held with the Workforce at the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations (above right); and one was held at the Arsenal's Creasy Auditorium (top photo). Arsenal Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan cut cakes at all three locations.

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A 250th Army Birthday cake cutting was also held June 11 at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child and Youth Services. Photo located on Page 3.



### 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

# A Farewell Message from the Installation Commander

To the exceptional Civilian Workforce of Pine Bluff Arsenal,

Over the past 27 months, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as your commander of this incredible organization. I've learned so much about what it means to be an Arkansan. Friendly, truthful, hardworking, resilient, and dedicated are just a few words that come to mind.

It is with deep appreciation and respect that I take this moment to recognize each of you —the 550 dedicated professionals who stand as the backbone of our operations. Your expertise, commitment, and tireless efforts ensure we meet the critical mission of providing support to our nation's defense.

Each day, you demonstrate a level of excellence that defines what it means to serve. Whether in production, logistics, safety, or innovation, your contributions strengthen our capabilities and safeguard the



**Col. Collin K. Keenan**

readiness of those who depend on us. You are not just employees — you are an essential force in ensuring national security.

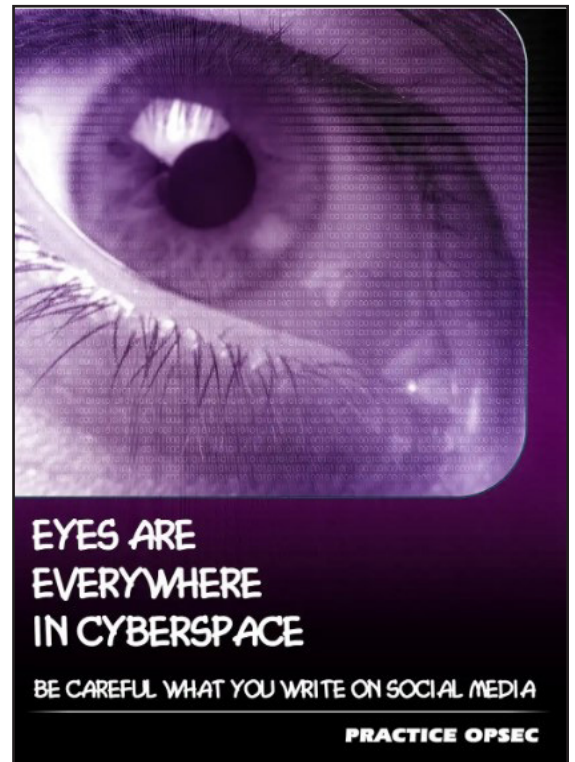
Your hard work, adaptability, and perseverance in the face of challenges does not go unnoticed. Through teamwork and dedication, you continue to elevate Pine Bluff Arsenal's reputation and impact. Your service matters, your contribution shapes our future, and your professionalism reflects

the highest standards of excellence.

I'm excited to spend more time in Minnesota with my wife and children, and I'm also excited for the opportunity provided to Col. Matthew C. Mason. He arrives with a tremendous reputation throughout the Chemical Corps and Army. He is certainly the right person to serve as your next commander.

I want you to know your efforts make a difference. It has been a tremendous honor to lead such a distinguished Workforce, and I am proud to have stood alongside you in our shared mission. Thank you for all that you do, your service is truly appreciated today and always!

**With gratitude,  
COL Collin K. Keenan,  
Pine Bluff Arsenal's  
41st Commander  
"Be All You Can Be  
and This We'll Defend"**



## Army Regulation 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-releaseable 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 commander and his 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 matter in which the individual has personal knowledge and expertise. This should be coordinated with PAO. They shouldn't comment on military matters that are beyond their knowledge. Classified information won't be discussed.

## U.S. Congressman visits PBA



Pine Bluff Arsenal hosted a visit June 16 with U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman from the fourth congressional district in Arkansas. Yancey Kyle, Field Representative, Kensey Featherston, Communication Director, Crystal Dunn, VA and Military Affairs Representative, Isabel David, Legislative Director and Cody Burkham, District Director, from Westerman's staff, were also in attendance. The focus of the visit was to provide Congressman Westerman with information about the Army's ongoing transformation efforts, and the installation's role in supporting future modernization priorities. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN

## Arsenal Sentinel



**Col. Collin K. Keenan, Commander**  
**Roch Byrne, Deputy to the Commander**  
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## REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERMIT RENEWAL REQUEST

Permittee: Pine Bluff Arsenal  
 Owner/Operator: Pine Bluff Arsenal  
 Facility Location: Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas  
 EPA I.D. Number: AR0213820707  
 Permit Number: 39-H

Pine Bluff Arsenal (PBA) is requesting a permit renewal of PBA's Permit 39-H for the operation of up to two Explosive Destruction System (EDS) units at the Pine Bluff Explosive Destruction System site.

The EDS is a hazardous waste treatment unit that will be used to treat recovered chemical warfare materiel by deactivating any explosive components and neutralizing chemical agents and industrial chemicals present in the materiel.

Copies of the permit renewal will be available for public review at the Records Management Department of Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. The permit renewal request is also available at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Library.

This notice provides the announcement of the permit renewal request.

Pine Bluff Arsenal Public Affairs  
 PBA Contact: Cheryl Avery | Phone: (870) 540-3420  
 Address: 10020 Kabrich Circle, Pine Bluff, AR 71602  
 E-mail: cheryl.d.avery.civ@army.mil

## PBA's CYS celebrates 250th Army birthday!



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan and Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Billy Ray Ashcraft cut the Army Birthday cake during a ceremony June 11 at the Arsenal's Child and Youth Services Center. The center celebrated the Army's 250th birthday which fell on June 14 a few days early. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN



## Pine Bluff Arsenal Blood Drive

Thursday, July 17  
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Look for the Bloodmobile!*



Scan to  
Schedule:



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 Photo ID required. \*While supplies last.





# Hough takes command of RFAAP

By Matthew Wheaton,  
Joint Munitions Command,  
Public and Congressional  
Affairs

RADFORD, Va. — The Radford Army Ammunition Plant has a new commander.

Lt. Col. Marie Hough accepted the responsibilities during a change of command ceremony on June 5, and she replaces Lt. Col. Adrien Humphreys.

Hough's assignment before taking command of RFAAP was as the Chief of Operations for the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

In 1997, Hough began her Army career. Ten years later, Hough commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and her initial assignment as a Chemical Officer was with the 2-17th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., where she deployed as the Squadron Chemical Officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2007-08.

Two other past assignments include Commander, Intelligence and Sustainment Company, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander Direct Commission Course, 3-11 Infantry Battalion, OCS, Fort Benning, Georgia.

"Marie has completed multiple command level, and

operational chemical, biological assignments since her commissioning," said Col. Collin Keenan, the commander of Pine Bluff Arsenal. "Likewise, her civil and professional military education, coupled with her expertise and leadership at various levels of command, has unquestionably prepared her to lead Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

"Marie, you have a very important mission ahead of you," added Keenan, who officiated the ceremony. "By diligently focusing on establishing priorities, empowering your new team, and fostering a positive and winning mindset among the workforce, I'm confident you will build upon the incredible reputation Radford enjoys in this community and throughout our Army today."

Hough has earned a Master of Science in environmental management from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo., and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I believe our strength as an organization is deeply intertwined with the strength of our community. We are not separate entities, but rather vital parts of the same fabric," Hough said. "As we move forward, I am committed to fostering strong relationships, actively participating in community initiatives, and ensur-



Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Marie Hough during a change of command ceremony at Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Virginia June 5. Hough replaces Lt. Col. Adrien Humphreys. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CHERYL AVERY

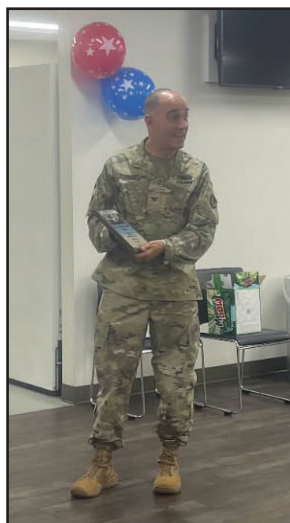
ing our presence is a positive and supportive force for all."

RFAAP, a subordinate installation of JMC, provides America's warfighters with superior performing propellants, energetics, and munitions to enable engagement and de-

struction of targets with total confidence.

JMC provides the joint forces with ready, reliable, and lethal munitions at the speed of war, sustaining global readiness. JMC is the logistics integrator for life-cycle man-

agement of ammunition and provides a global presence of technical support to combat units wherever they are stationed or deployed.



## PBA's AO Honors Keenan for Service

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Ammunition Operations presented PBA Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan with a plaque June 9 at a special lunch they held for him at the AO cafeteria. Keenan will relinquish command July 10, and is retiring from the U.S. Army.

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# EAP Corner

## Dangers of drinking alcohol in the summer heat

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program Office

Summer is a wonderful time for outdoor activities with family and friends. For many people, a day at the beach, on the boat, or at a backyard barbecue will include drinking alcoholic beverages. Drinking impairs both physical and mental abilities, and it also decreases inhibitions, which can lead to tragic consequences on the water, on the road, and in the great outdoors.

During the hot summer months, it can be tempting to crack open an ice-cold beer to cool off at a cookout, at a pool party, or on a boat ride. But drinking too much alcohol in hot weather can set you up for dehydration and even heat illness.

### How alcohol affects your body

When you're out in the heat, your body temperature will usually increase. This causes your blood vessels to dilate, which makes you more susceptible to fainting. And if you're not well-hydrated, this can increase your risk of heat illness even more.

When you add alcohol to this mix, it can make matters worse. Alcohol slows the production of the body's antidiuretic hormone (ADH). This causes you to urinate more frequently and lose even more fluid. Losing fluid from drinking alcohol and being dehydrated from the heat creates a compound effect that can cause:

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Dry mouth
- Loss of coordination
- Confusion
- Heat illness
- Heat stroke

Some people mistake these signs for intoxication, but they may be the result of dehydration. Being intoxicated and dehydrated is dangerous because it can lead to poor judgment, risky behavior and accidents from a lack of coordination and mental clarity.

Drinking in the heat also increases your risk of heat illness. Being in the heat and drinking alcohol makes it hard for your body to regulate its temperature effectively. This can lead to heat

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The Danger of Drinking Alcohol in the Summer Heat

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DANGER  
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DRINKING  
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CONFUSION  
DANGEROUS

SUMMER  
BODY  
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ILLNESS

cramps from the loss of water and salt and even heat stroke, which can lead to organ failure.

**Here are tips to stay safe in the summer heat:**

- If you're going to a party, drink plenty of water before, during, and after the event.
- Eat a meal before drinking alcohol. Having food in your stomach will help slow the absorption of alcohol.
- Eat hydrating foods. This includes fresh fruits and vegetables, such as salad, watermelon or fruit popsicles with little to no added sugar.

- Alternate alcoholic beverages with water. For every adult beverage you have, drink an eight to 12-ounce glass of water.
- Watch your serving sizes. A serving size of alcohol is 12 ounces of beer, five ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces (one shot glass) of spirits like rum, vodka, gin, tequila or whiskey.
- Limit caffeinated drinks. Most caffeinated drinks are diuretics, meaning they cause the body to lose water. This includes caffeinated soda, certain teas, energy drinks, and coffee. Stick to decaf or water

instead (*Beal, Lena, 2025*).

You don't have to give up your favorite drinks this summer. Just pay attention to your body, stay hydrated and drink responsibly.

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program, staff are here to help. We offer you a safe and confidential place to discuss concerns, challenges, and strategies for managing difficulties in your life. We are located in Building 13-040 and can be reached at 870-540-3094. The Care line number is (870) 550-2653.



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program Office hosted a mammogram and prostate screening event June 12. ASAP/EAP's Paula Smith (photo above) poses with health educators from UAMS during the event. Kevin Bradley (photo right) also with ASAP/EAP, signs up for a screening. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Sun

Avoid alcoholic beverages when in the sun.

ALCOHOL AFFECTS YOUR ABILITY TO ACCURATELY JUDGE TEMPERATURE AND LEADS TO DEHYDRATION. THIS INCREASES THE RISK OF HEAT EXHAUSTION AND SUNSTROKE.

Safety



# PBA Commander recognized by local community

By Rachel Selby

A community recognition program was held June 17 at the White Hall Community Center for Pine Bluff Arsenal's Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan. The event was hosted by the White Hall Military Affairs Advisory Committee.

White Hall Mayor Noel Foster, Jefferson County Judge Gerald Robinson, Pine Bluff Mayor Vivian Flowers and David Beck, White Hall senior alderman and chairman of the White Hall Military Affairs Advisory Committee attended the event.

"Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to attend this farewell program honoring Col. Keenan," said Larry Wright, consultant with the City of White Hall. "We have a series of presentations and thank you's. After those conclude, we will have an open mic for anyone who has remarks."

Foster thanked everyone for being there.

"I would like to welcome the Arsenal team. As a community, we appreciate everything you do, and the Arsenal is important to national security," he said. "Both communities – Pine Bluff and White Hall – have focused our attention on the Arsenal and its future."

Foster said from the first moment he met Keenan he knew he was a personal guy.

"He is a people person. Every invitation we have extended to him from the community, he has accepted and participated," he said.

"I've been through a lot of commanders during my career in law enforcement and now as mayor for 15 years. I've seen a lot of them come and go. There have always been those commanders that have stood out - from how they interact with their team and the employees. I want to thank Col. Keenan for being that person."

Foster presented Keenan with a special certificate for Public Recognition and Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor.

David Beck presented Keenan the "Arkansas Traveler" recognition (an honorary title bestowed on those who serve as a goodwill ambassador for the state), which is given to individuals who are generally not from the state.

"In the state of Arkansas, we are known for being hospitable and gracious to people. This recognition is given to those who have made a great contribution to our state. We feel like you qualify. You have been an absolute joy to work with these past two years," said Beck. "We wish you the best in all things."

Beck also presented Keenan with a wooden Arkansas flag, signed by the mayor and other representatives from the White Hall Military Affairs Advisory Committee. "We just wanted you to have a special memento from this community," he said. "We are so grateful for everything."

Robinson expressed his thanks for the invitation.

"To the Arsenal personnel, we certainly appreciate your service, everything you do for this community and this county," he said. "Col. Keenan, during my tenure we have had several commanders come to the Pine Bluff Arsenal. Few stick out as impressive. Since you arrived, you have shared who you are with us, and we are thankful. You have certainly been an inspiration, and we will miss you. You are a commander who I will never forget."

Flowers said she loves serving the City of Pine Bluff.

"It is always an honor to get to meet people you've never met before who represent servant leadership you haven't seen before," she said.

"Automatically when I met him I was impressed by his vibrant energy. I asked him what he was going to do in his retirement, and he said he was going to teach junior high school. That is servant leadership, and he said it like he was honored to do this. I knew his heart in five minutes."

She thanked Keenan for his service to the country, to the community, to the Arsenal and to the Armed Force.

"I was serious when I asked him not to go," said Flowers. "I am happy for you and congratulate you."

During his remarks, Keenan spoke from the heart.



**Top photo, from left, White Hall Mayor Noel Foster, Pine Bluff Mayor Vivian Flowers, Pine Bluff Arsenal Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan and Jefferson County Judge Gerald Robinson pose for a photo after Keenan was presented with an Arkansas Traveler certificate during the recognition ceremony.**

**Bottom photo, David Beck, White Hall senior alderman and chairman of the White Hall Military Affairs Advisory Committee, presented PBA's Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan with a wooden Arkansas flag signed by Mayor Foster and other members of the committee as a special token from the community. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN**

"As I drove up to the White Hall Community Center, the thing I thought about is trees, leaves and roots. Trees are central to what they can do in producing life. We often look at trees and say we like the leaves on the tree," he said. "Leaves will blow away in the fall and they regrow, but what truly stands out are the roots.

You don't get to see them, but they hold the tree together."

The leaders here in this community – White Hall, Pine Bluff and Jefferson County – these are truly leaders who are roots," said Keenan.

"They do this out of their heart," he said. "I hope I have been able to be that kind of leader for all of you. My chal-

lenge to you...are you rooted or are you a leaf?

Think about that and what you do each day. Are you there for the temporary or are you there to set the foundation to make the organization great? What can you do to be a root? The root is holding the structure up and makes the leaves beautiful."



# PBA's Wayland speaks to teachers at science summit

By Rachel Selby

Marcia Wayland, chief of the monitoring division, with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, got the opportunity to speak June 4 to science educators at the K-12 STEAM Safer Science Summit 2025 at Arkadelphia, Ark.

The event was a week-long professional teacher development event, touted online as "an immersive event focused on enhancing the understanding of government and state lab safety regulations, and the compliance with and implementation of safety protocols within STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) education environments.

"I was there for a half day to speak," said Wayland, who spoke to approximately 30 teachers from various high schools from around the state. "There were a few middle school teachers there but mostly high schools. I talked to teachers from Prescott, Beebe, Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Hot Springs...all over the area."

Wayland, who is from Sherwood, Ark., said she talked about her background and



Marcia Wayland with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs speaks with science teachers at a professional development workshop in Arkadelphia, Ark., June 4. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

working within various laboratory environments with the group, and how her degrees got her to PBA.

"I received my Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. My degree is toxicology with a minor in chemistry," she said. "Then

I took an odd turn and earned my master's degree in forensic science at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. I did all kinds of things in toxicology and was a DNA analyst for a long time."

At that point, she started looking for another career

path. "I was from Arkansas; I knew about the Arsenal. A position opened, and I landed it," said Wayland. "Now, I'm an environmental chemist."

She said the teachers were split into three groups, and she was asked to talk with each group about how her career

supports the Arsenal's missions.

"I didn't realize before this event, but school labs often have a lot of old chemicals, including hazardous ones," said Wayland. "I spent a little time talking about chemical inventories, Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), proper chemical storage and safe chemical disposal. I emphasized the need for printed SDSs and inventories, instead of just having them on the computer."

Grants are also given to the schools to assist in the costs of proper chemical disposal.

"I had so much fun talking to these teachers," said Wayland. "I talk to the science teachers at my own children's high school a few times a year. Teachers pay attention more than the students do most of the time. I love talking about science."

During the summit, Wayland said the teachers asked lots of good questions.

"They said they are always trying to give their students options when they ask why they had to learn about science and how it can benefit them in a future career — other than being a doctor," she added. "You can do a lot more with science than you think."

## CB Employees of the Month



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations has announced its Employees of the Month for March, April and May 2025 by Jason Fullen, Chief of the Production Division for CB.

(Pictured left) Rodney Lagrone was selected as the March Employee of the Month. Lagrone works in the ICEMP production area. He possesses a positive can-do attitude and is recognized by his peers. Lagrone is a role model working towards mission execution.

(Pictured center) Deloris Webb was selected as the April Employee of the Month. Webb works in the Textiles and Protective Clothing production area. She is a role model and ensures a quality product is delivered on time every time.

(Pictured right) Evelyn McArthur was selected as the May Employee of the Month. McArthur works in the ICEMP production area. She is a positive, can-do employee who works towards mission execution of a quality product for our men and women in uniform.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN

## FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

01 Always use adult supervision and never allow children to play with, or ignite, fireworks

02 Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks

03 Never use bottle rockets

04 Read and follow all manufacturers' warnings and instructions

05 Keep a source of water (and a fire extinguisher), close by in case of a fire or mishap

06 Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly

07 Never throw fireworks at another person

08 Shoot fireworks on a clean, flat surface, and away from buildings or flammable materials





## DPW Spotlight



(Top photo right) Brad Dobbins, Mark Brown, William Ives, Zachary Harbison and Spencer Silvey, all with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Public Works, Operations and Maintenance Division, work on a water leak in front of the Arsenal's Fire Department.

(Top photo left) Scotty Bridges and Brad Kennedy work to repair the leak.

(Photo above bottom left) Scott Bridges, William Ives, Darren Edwards, Mark Throneberry, Brad Baugh and Brad Dobbins work to repair the leak.

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## Donuts with Dads



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child and Youth Services hosted a Donuts with Dads event June 5 in the CYS Gym.

The event was held to recognize and honor all the PBA fathers, brothers, uncles, grandfathers and cousins before Father's Day June 15.

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# PBA Color Run 2025



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a Color Run 5K June 7. Even though there was a delay to the start of the event due to weather, the run was a fun and successful event.

Volunteers, like T'shena Kirk, Latisha Goins and Rachel Selby, threw color on participants at various stages of the run; PBA's Fire Department provided a water station; and pizza was provided to all following the event.

PBA Commander Col. Collin K. Keenan and MWR Director Billy Ray Ashcraft even got in on the event and were doused with color by the end.

MWR wishes to thank everyone for coming out, being patient with the weather, and participating in a fun event for the installation.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



## ASAP/EAP participates in various events



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program recently participated in a series of impactful community outreach events. During a local Field Day (pictured above) for children, the ASAP engaged with young participants through fun activities while educating them on the harmful effects of tobacco on the body. In observance of Gun Violence Intervention (GVI) Go Orange Day, the ASAP joined efforts to address youth substance use and gun violence prevention by sharing vital information on the dangers of alcohol and vaping. ASAP also participated at a recent Community Health Fair, and partnered with wellness advocates to emphasize the importance of both mental and physical well-being. These outreach efforts reflect ASAP's ongoing commitment to building resilient communities through education, prevention, and support. U.S. ARMY PHOTO-ASAP-EAP

### ARMY CIVILIAN CORPS CREED

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

I am an Army Civilian



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#### Who is Eligible for Assistance?

- Active Duty Soldiers, single or married, and their eligible Dependents
- Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers on continuous Active Duty (Title 10, USC) for more than 30 consecutive days and their eligible Dependents
- Soldiers Retired from Active Duty for longevity or physical disability, and their eligible Dependents
- Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who retired and are receiving DFAS Retired Pay, and their eligible Dependents
- Surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on Active Duty or after they retired

#### What Kind of Assistance can we provide?

- An Interest free loan
- A grant if repayment of loan will cause undue hardship
- A combination loan/grant

#### How can AER Help Me?

##### Assistance with:

- Rent
- Temporary Lodging (Homeless)
- Mortgage
- Initial Rent & Deposit
- Basic Furniture
- Appliance Repair/Replacement
- Utilities
- Emergency Travel
- Cranial Helmets

- PCS Travel (AD Only)
- Welcome Home Travel
- Non-Medical Attendant (NMA Travel)
- Invitational Travel Order (ITO)-Soldier Hospitalized
- Safe Travel Due to Domestic Violence
- Food
- Disaster-Evacuation
- Disaster Assistance-Recovery/Sustainment
- Disruption in Pay (Government Shutdown)
- Vehicle Fuel or Public Transportation Expenses
- Child Car Seats
- Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance
- Replacement Vehicle
- Monthly Vehicle Payments
- Vehicle Insurance Payment or Deductible
- Medical Care
- Special Medical Needs
- Dental Care
- Home Repairs or Insurance Deductible
- Funeral Expenses
- Immigration, Visa & Passport Fees
- Spouse Re-Licensing & Recertification Fees (PCS only)
- Clothing
- Homeschool and Remote Education
- Pet Transportation
- Career Skills Support Program
- Infant Formula Shipping Costs

For information on how to receive assistance please contact Tiffany Penister, Army Emergency Relief Officer at 870-540-3588 or Laura Brown, Assistant Army Emergency Relief Officer at 870-540-3030.