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1640 AM Depot radio station breaks communication barriers

Written by Mary Moses

Blue Grass Army Depot reinstated its 1640 AM radio station with a new radio program this January, in an effort to break down one of the depot's biggest communication barriers—reaching employees in the restricted area.

The new radio program, tagged "1640 at 1640", is a radio production showcasing weekly depot news and guest speakers. The show airs on the last working day of the week from 4:40 p.m., or 1640 in military time, to 5 p.m.

"I expect this production can effectively reach all employees, especially our employees who are not able to regularly use a computer or the Command Information System (CIS)," said Col. Brian L. Rogers, BGAD Commander.

The BGAD radio system was purchased five years ago for \$85,000 to use as an emergency alert system. In January 2012, BGAD purchased a collection of four headsets for live radio use, enabling the public affairs office to broadcast the depot's weekly Pass Downs on Tuesdays at noon and for Rogers to give a weekly update on "1640 at 1640" every week and frequently host guest speakers. Another collection of headsets will be installed in the depot's Emergency Operations Center in time for the February 16 Chemical Accident or Incident Response and Assistance (CAIRA) exercise.

"Since we will send more information in short, regularly scheduled bursts (of information), we will likely only need Town Hall meetings for special events," said Rogers. "I expect this initiative will help us save nearly \$100,000 this year in lost production time and still increase our communication flow."

Some of the main topics Rogers and



BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT
1640 AM Radio
Featuring two new programs:
Tuesday Pass Downs
1640 at 1640

the Command Group will be covering during "1640 at 1640" include weekly "Safety Snippets", his weekly situation reports (SITREP) to Joint Munitions Command, new workload updates, recognition for service and performance awards, events on the depot calendar, and other news tidbits. The show will also sometimes feature guest speakers from the local community and interesting personalities from the depot workforce.

1640 AM reaches cars, homes, and businesses across Madison County, extending all the way to Lexington. Although 1640 AM is especially designed for vehicles, it can also be heard over indoor radios with antennas. The depot is looking into installing antennas on BGAD buildings.

In case of emergencies, all government vehicles on the depot are highly recommended to keep their radios on 1640 AM, especially in the restricted

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Legal Corner: Acceptable political activity under the Hatch Act

Written by BGAD Legal Office

It is DoD policy to encourage civilian employees and members of the Armed Forces to carry out the obligations of citizenship to the maximum extent possible consistent with the restrictions imposed by law. Pursuant to the Hatch Act and related regulations, Blue Grass Army Depot employees:

MAY register and vote as they choose.

MAY assist in voter registration drives.

MAY express opinions about candidates and issues.

MAY place a partisan bumper sticker on his or her privately owned vehicle and park that vehicle on the installation (HOWEVER, employees who use a POV on a recurrent basis for official business must cover the bumper sticker while the vehicle is being used for official duties).

MAY contribute money to political candidates, parties, clubs and organizations.

MAY attend political fundraising functions.

MAY address a political convention, caucus, or rally on behalf of a candidate.

MAY organize, manage and attend political rallies and meetings.

MAY join and be an active member of a political party or club.

MAY sign nominating petitions.

MAY campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or municipal ordinances.

MAY canvass for votes.

MAY campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.

MAY distribute campaign literature in partisan elections.

MAY hold office in political clubs or parties or be a delegate to a party convention.

MAY make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.

MAY endorse or oppose a candidate in a political advertisement or literature (but do not identify yourself as a federal employee).

MAY manage a political campaign (but do not solicit, collect, or deposit political contributions).

MAY vote, act as a recorder, observer, challenger, election judge/clerk, or drive voters to the polling place.

MAY be candidates for public office in NONPARTISAN elections (but you cannot seek party endorsement or print partisan campaign literature).

NOTE: None of the above activities may occur on government time, on government property, in a government vehicle, or using government equipment. (E.G., telephone, computer, mail service, copy, or fax machine).

Information taken from the Hatch Act (5 USC § 7321, ET SEQ.)



Blue Grass Army Depot small arms warehouse. Minor suggested that a set of stairs at the warehouse loading dock would significantly reduce the movement he makes to talk with truck drivers arriving at the warehouse.

Tony Miller, TEE representative, met with Minor January 23 to test the theory.

Minor and Miller began their investigation by

simulating a straight path to the truck driver. The direct route took 30 seconds less than Minor's current route. Minor and Miller also calculated that an average number of 10.3 trucks pull up to the warehouse dock each day. At this rate, Miller estimated that providing a set of stairs for a direct route to the trucks would result in approximately \$1100 in cost avoidance savings for the depot.

Tom Lewis, supervisor for the small arms warehouse team, said there would also be safety benefits in adding stairs. The stairs would provide employees an additional means of egress from the dock during times of emergency.

Miller worked with Minor, Lewis, Kelly Quinton, and Kem Castle from the depot's Hazmart to implement Minor's TEE suggestion and purchase the new stairs for the small arms warehouse.

On Wednesday, February 1, TEE validated their estimated cost avoidance savings with the depot's Resource Management Office, officially closing the TEE process for Minor's idea.

In addition to discussing the new stair plans, Miller also learned about the warehouse's ongoing plans to install railing around the dock area to prevent forklifts from inadvertently driving off the dock. The warehouse team also proposed installing a dock locking system that would prevent trucks from pulling away from the dock with someone in the cargo area. At present, the small arms team manually chocks the tires and maintains verbal communication with the truck drivers to prevent this from happening.

The power of TEE

By Tony Miller and Claude Roberts

Blue Grass Army Depot's Total Employee Engagement (TEE) Program received several promising cost-cutting suggestions last month.

2 One TEE suggestion came from Paul Minor, an employee for the

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2011 Wounded Warrior Waterfowl Hunt



Wounded Warriors and Ducks Unlimited volunteers wait attentively for waterfowl in their ground blind during the 2011 Wounded Warrior Waterfowl Hunt on Blue Grass Army Depot, Saturday, December 17. Photo by Samuel G. Hudson.

Written by Samuel G. Hudson

The Madison County chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) sponsored the first ever Wounded Warrior Waterfowl Hunt on Blue Grass Army Depot Saturday, December 17, 2011.

During the hunt, seven Wounded Warriors (WWs) were given an opportunity to hunt in a safe environment and enjoy the great outdoors. WWs are service members who have incurred injuries while in military service since 9/11. The weekend's hunt allows the depot and the local community to show their appreciation for the sacrifices made by these young men.

The December weekend marked the first time that many of these soldiers had experienced shooting clay pigeons and hunting waterfowl.

"It's a chance to be removed from the hospital care, and this event is like a

Band-Aid to help us heal," said Staff Sgt. Michael Davis, a WW participant. The WWs were able to do some things during the hunt that they hadn't been able to do since they were injured, Davis said.

Matt Wieczorik, a member of the Madison County DU, came up with the idea for the weekend waterfowl hunt. He initially proposed the waterfowl hunt idea to Blue Grass Army Depot Commander Col. Brian L. Rogers at an earlier depot event.

"Colonel Rogers put me in contact with Nathan White, and the rest was history," said Wieczorik. White, the depot's land manager and archaeologist, helped lead the planning and execution of the 2011 waterfowl hunt.

The hunting event began with the arrival of WWs on Blue Grass Army Depot Thursday evening, December 15. The soldiers stayed in the depot's military housing, regularly used by visiting service members during training exercises.

On Friday, December 16, the WWs practiced shooting for the next day's hunt. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) hosted the clay pigeon shooting event at a local range. DU personnel provided weapons for the WWs who did not bring a gun.

Friday was also the first opportunity for the WWs to meet their hunting mentors and visit their hunting blinds. DU built eight hunting blinds for the WWs on the depot in preparation for the waterfowl hunt on Friday. A hunting blind is a cover

device for hunters, designed to reduce the chance of detection. DU decided to build ground blinds for the WWs as an alternative to the traditional tree stand blind. Movements in a well-designed ground blind are virtually undetectable by waterfowl and other game.

During Friday evening, WWs, mentors, guides, and volunteers dined on wild game and received gifts from DU and Sergeant Joe's of Richmond, Ky. Rogers and the district president of DU gave welcoming remarks to the WWs and wished them good and safe hunting on Saturday.

The hunters enjoyed a good breakfast on Saturday and then moved to their hunting blinds in the depot restricted area. DU personnel offered the use of their own personal bird dogs and expert bird calling skills to the WWs during the hunt, increasing their chances for success.

Although there were a lot of birds present before the shooting time, they seemed to vanish when the hunt began. Wise birds.

Although the ducks did not cooperate for much of the hunt, the final "ambush" did net four waterfowls, said Tim Barrett, BGAD environmental engineer.

Overall, the soldiers, volunteers and DU personnel enjoyed the hunting event.

Rogers personally thanks the BGAD Environmental Office, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, Ducks Unlimited, Morale Welfare and Recreation, Department of Emergency Services, and the Military Affairs Office for their outstanding support during the 2011 Wounded Warrior Hunt. 🌟



Two hunters watch for waterfowl in their ground blind during the 2011 Wounded Warrior Waterfowl Hunt on the depot, Saturday, December 17. Photo by Samuel G. Hudson.

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Atta Boy, Atta Girl!

Job well done in the Industrial Services Division

We had a deadline to have the Berea Warehouse cleaned out by December 20, 2011. We had to have everything, which included a large amount of metal, pallets, etc. out of the warehouse, and have the warehouse cleaned and ready to be turned over by the 20th. At first we didn't think that there was any way that we were going to meet our deadline, it looked almost impossible. **But my workers went above and beyond the call of duty, and worked extra hard to make sure that we got it done.** Because of their hard work we finished 8 days ahead of schedule on December 12. If they hadn't got this done, it would have cost the depot a substantial amount of money to rent the warehouse for another month. Their names are as follows:

William Ray – WL 6	Chris Adams – WL 9
Jason Baldwin – WG 6	Rhonda Browning – WG 6
Jimmy Thomas – WG 6	James Flinn – WG 6
Donald Rosenfarb – WG 6	Greg Wylie – WG 6
Jarrold Williams – WG 6	Jeremy Napier – WG 6
Bryan Burkey – WG 6	

All of these employees work for the ISD in BLDG 216.

Submitted by Bobby Shuler, WS-8 Painter Supervisor, ISD

See someone doing a good job?

Recommend them to your supervisor for the new Atta Boy, Atta Girl column in The Detonator!

Directions for Submission:

Supervisors, please submit your employee's name, position, department, and 2-3 sentences on their accomplishment to Mary Moses and Samuel G. Hudson.

For more info, call the public affairs office at ext. 6221/7221.

1640 at 1640 Radio

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area. Personal vehicles are also encouraged to tune in to 1640 AM.

1640 AM is the newest addition to the depot's developing forms of communication, including the BGAD website, Command Information System (CIS), BGAD social media sites, and the BGAD Detonator. The improvements for the radio station were made with the help of the BGAD Public Affairs Office, the Department of Information Management (DOIM), and the Department of Emergency Services. 📻

Depot receives 2011 AMC Cultural Resources Award

Written by Mary Moses

Blue Grass Army Depot was granted the 2011 Army Materiel Command (AMC) Cultural Resources Award this January for their efforts "to promote the management of cultural resources" on the installation.

"This is the first time Blue Grass Army Depot has received recognition from higher headquarters for their achievements in cultural resources," said Nathan White, BGAD land manager.

The depot's cultural resource management program, currently run by the depot's Department of Public Works, promotes the importance of depot preservation and good stewardship through public outreach events, cooperative agreements, and community partnerships with Eastern Kentucky University and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

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The depot's signature cultural



Above: Civil War reenactors pose at the Lake Buck Battlefield Nature Trail Grand Opening April 22, 2011, outside of Lake Buck Lodge on Blue Grass Army Depot. Photo by John Stephens.

resource achievement in 2011 was the founding of a nature/historical interpretive hiking trail around Lake Buck, which falls within the Battle of Richmond battlefield site, a Civil War fighting ground.

Former depot land manager Alan

Colwell, White, and KDFWR biologist Tom Edwards designed Lake Buck Battlefield Trail to showcase the depot's historical and natural resources. The trio invited the local community to participate in the construction and opening of the trail, further encouraging the public to take an active interest in the depot and its cultural treasures.

The trail project culminated in a Grand Opening / BGAD Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2011. Volunteers and visitors at the Grand Opening came from the depot, local schools, the Madison County (Ky) Historical Society, the Battle of Richmond Association, Ducks Unlimited, the Kentucky Army National Guard, ECU, the Boy Scouts of America and other local organizations.

On behalf of the depot's cultural resource management program, White

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February 4

EKU Men's Basketball @SIUE, 8 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball @South Carolina 6 p.m., Columbia, S.C.

UofL Men's Basketball vs. Rutgers 4 p.m., KFC Yum! Center

February 6

UK Men's Basketball vs. Connecticut 7 p.m., KFC Yum! Center

February 7

EKU Men's Basketball vs. Mid-Continent, 7 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball vs. Florida 7 p.m., Lexington, Ky.

February 8

Eggs-N-Issues: Mayor Jim Barnes, State of the City Address, 8-9 a.m. Arlington House

February 9

Madison County-Richmond Community Blood Drive, Mad. Co. Public Library, 12-6:30 p.m.

February 10

Daddy-Daughter Dance
Lake Buck Lodge, 6-9 p.m.

February 11

EKU Men's Basketball vs. Morehead State, 7 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball @Vanderbilt Nashville, Tenn., 9 p.m.

UofL Men's Basketball @West Virginia Morgantown, W.V., Noon

February 13

UofL Men's Basketball vs. Syracuse KFC Yum! Center, 7 p.m.

February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Garrison Keillor, EKU Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

February 15

EKU Men's Basketball @Tennessee Tech, 8 p.m.

February 18

Celtic Crossroads, EKU Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

EKU Men's Basketball vs. IPFW, 7 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball vs. Ole Miss, 4 p.m., Lexington, Ky.

UofL Men's Basketball @DePaul Chicago, Noon

February 20

President's Day - Federal Holiday

February 21

UK Men's Basketball @Mississippi State, 9 p.m., Starkville, Miss.

February 23

EKU Men's Basketball vs. SIUE 7:30 p.m.

UofL Basketball @Cincinnati, 9 p.m.

February 25

Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz, EKU Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

Madison County HBA Home & Garden Show, Richmond Mall, 4 p.m.

EKU Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, 7 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball vs. Vanderbilt Noon, Lexington, Ky.

February 26

UofL Men's Basketball vs. Pittsburgh KFC Yum! Center, 2 p.m.

February 29-March 3

TBA - EKU Men's Basketball, Nashville, Tenn.

March 1

Chris Botti, EKU Performing Arts, 8 p.m.

UK Men's Basketball vs. Georgia 9 p.m., Lexington, Ky.

March 3

UofL Men's Basketball @Syracuse, N.Y. 4 p.m.

March 4

UK Men's Basketball @Florida Noon, Gainesville, Fla.

Depot receives Award

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also provided support for the Battle of Richmond Living History Days, hosted by the Madison County Historical Society and the Battle of Richmond Association, and the Daniel Boone National Forest Living Archaeology Weekend at Red River Gorge. During the Living History Days, White provided artifacts excavated from the Battle of Richmond Battlefield for a display and discussed Civil War archaeology, preservation, and the importance of protecting public lands. During the Archaeology Weekend, White educated elementary students and visitors about responsible stewardship of local cultural resources.

In addition to promoting stewardship, White said the cultural resource management program also helps the depot save money and avoid costs.



Depot biologist Tom Edwards instructs an Eastern Kentucky University student on how to use a foothold trap during a trapping demonstration for an EKU mammology class on the depot November 1. Photo by Mary Moses.

"In a climate of cost-cutting, these grants, partnerships and cooperative agreements are critical to maintaining responsible stewardship of cultural resources and can also result in cost sharing, cost saving and cost avoidance," said White. "Cooperation and coordination are also the means by which Blue Grass Army Depot will identify new resources and the

more efficient management of the ones on hand."

In addition to submitting for the AMC Cultural Resources Award, the depot also submitted for the environmental sustainability-industrial award category. The second entry illustrated how the depot brought the anti-tank mine washout facility up to the standards of the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection last year.

Both award submissions were nominated for the 2011 Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards competition, which will release its chosen winners later this month.

Will receiving the new AMC Cultural Resources Award benefit the depot?

"Yes, I think it will," said White. "This award highlights BGAD's commitment to responsible stewardship of our natural and cultural resources." 

Blue Grass Unite coming to Depot this May

Written by Glenn Novak

Blue Grass Army Depot will host the first Blue Grass Unite (BGU) seminar on Wednesday, May 16, and Thursday, May 17. The depot is inviting targeted manufacturers in the Blue Grass region to participate in this event.

"Blue Grass Unite can be a powerful asset in helping to enforce Colonel Roger's intention of increasing revenue while decreasing expenses," said Joel Kallenberger, Chief of the Business Development Office and Blue Grass Unite lead.

Blue Grass Unite is an effort to unify and promote industrial growth in the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky. It targets local manufacturer's abilities to better compete for government contracts, primarily through the concept of public-private partnerships, or P3. Public-private partnerships give the depot an opportunity to join with a manufacturer in the competing process.

The Blue Grass Unite target area includes manufacturers in Madison and

Fayette counties, and extends through 25 surrounding counties and business pockets as far west as Louisville. The seminar will use workshops, classroom training, keynote speakers, and a depot



tour to increase awareness of BGAD industrial capabilities and clarify the necessary steps to becoming a government supplier.

Blue Grass Unite will specifically highlight depot capabilities, including:

- Industrial Services Division
- Paint facilities

- Maintenance facilities
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation / Quality Recycling Program facilities
- Loading Platform 92 capabilities
- Mock igloo

BGAD expects Blue Grass Unite to break down the barriers that many businesses feel exist when attempting to submit or obtain a government contract. The seminar will also help "demystify" BGAD's mission of storing chemical munitions and demonstrate how the depot takes every safety precaution at their chemical munitions site.

Blue Grass Unite is important to the depot because if it succeeds, the depot will obtain one or more public-private partnerships with their local manufacturing base. Partnerships may expand BGAD's industrial capacities, generate revenue, create and/or secure manpower assets, and promote industrial growth in the Blue Grass business region.

For more information, call 859-779-7253 or send an email to bgad-bizdev@us.army.mil

Chemical Defense Equipment receives new 5-year workload

Written by Mary Moses

Even as the workload for chemical equipment storage decreases in the theater, Blue Grass Army Depot's Chemical Defense Equipment (CDE) division is picking up new work from the Department of Homeland Security. CDE began a new workload this winter that will generate revenue for the depot for the next 5 years.

CDE's new job is to store personal protective equipment for the Defense Chemical-borne Response Force (DCRF) as part of their commercial off-the-shelf program. DCRF is the rapid response force that supports local, state, and federal authorities during a chemical incident.

The protective equipment stored at CDE may help this special chemical response task force save lives during a chemical incident in the United States.

Although CDE procured their new workload from the Tank Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) War Reserve Office back in April 2010, they began their new workload in December 2011.

6 CDE will receive an estimated 80 pallets of equipment a year,



Left: Chemical Defense Equipment employee Richard Hobbs examines the first shipment of personal protective equipment sent to the CDE for storage last December. Above: The first shipment of personal protective equipment is stored by CDE. Photos by Mary Moses.

reaching a final quota of 400 pallets at the end of 5 years. The PPE will be stored in a CDE warehouse with environmental controls to prevent damage to the equipment from extreme heat, cold, or moisture. This new workload will earn revenue for the depot due to CDE obtaining funds for receiving, sorting, storing, and performing shelf life management on the new chemical protective equipment.

One of the depot's recent cost-cutting initiatives has been to clear out old, out-of-date materiel from its storage areas to make room for new and profitable storage items. Although CDE is not currently using the newly available storage space, they will use the new storage areas in fu-

ture years. This efficient use of storage space will create additional savings for the depot in the years to come.

Chemical Defense Equipment serves as the sole provider for Total Life Cycle Management of CDE, Individual Chemical Equipment Management Program (ICEMP), Sustainment, War Reserve, and Army's Home Land Defense initiatives' chemical defense material and equipment. CDE also coordinates with the Transportation Division for all shipping documentation to meet requirements for ICEMP, Sustainment, and War Reserve material.

Smile for the camera: videos showcase depot happenings

Written by Keith Justice

The Blue Grass Army Depot Public Affairs Office has many ways to reach out to the depot workforce and its local community in order to communicate key BGAD messages. Some of these communication techniques are very traditional—producing press releases, newsletters, photos and more recently, radio programs. New modern tools have also been adopted, such as the use of social networking sites, including Facebook, Flickr, and YouTube. Since May, another tool to the public affairs' repertoire has been added—video.

"With video, the depot brings a new dimension to how we show others some of the things we do around here," said Keith Justice, intern videographer for the depot PAO.

Depot employees may have seen Justice working with a video camera during Town Hall meetings, special events, or day-to-day operations in the depot's administrative and restricted areas. A few employees have even taken part in some of the videos' production by scheduling time for a video shoot, touring the vid-



Above: Keith Justice, videography intern for Blue Grass Army Depot, teaches Boy Scouts how to operate a camera during the 2011 Boy Scout Fall Camporee on the depot Saturday, October 1. Photo by Mary Moses.

completed," said Justice.

While a few of these videos show up on the BGAD public affairs office YouTube channel (youtube.com/BGADPAO), other videos, such as Town Halls, go to the Intranet for internal purposes only.

The YouTube channel has videos about everything from the Memorial Day's Wreath-Laying Ceremony, the depot train system, the General Support Ammunition Platoon training, October's first ever Boy Scout Camporee, November's Wounded Warrior Hunt, and many more.

Video opens up a new line of communication along the chain of command.

During the re-organization process, Col. Brian L. Rogers, BGAD Commander, went on camera to personally address the situation. This video was then posted on the Intranet for internal viewership only. If you missed a Town Hall meeting and couldn't watch it on the VBrick, the video can usually be found on the

Intranet as well.

Justice has advice for depot employees who find themselves on the other end of the camera.

"If you see me around your working area, just act natural and pretend I'm not there," said Justice.

"Don't worry, the camera only puts on ten extra pounds," he joked. 📷

TEE ideas

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Two of the other ideas proposed to TEE last month involved the over-use of parking lot lights on the depot. A submission by Melvin Awtery observed that the parking lot lights in the Department of Emergency Services area are lit 24 hours a day; a second submission by James Mooney said that the parking lot lights around Loading Platforms 91 and 92 are left on during the daytime.

After the initial panel review and data collection, the TEE team confirmed some promising dollar savings for BGAD. The TEE team discovered that most of the lights were on due to faulty sensors. Chief Richard Bobo, DES, submitted a work order to have the DES parking lot sensor replaced. The lighting is now working properly. The TEE team is working with the BGAD contracting office to conduct a cost benefit analysis of the new lighting improvements.

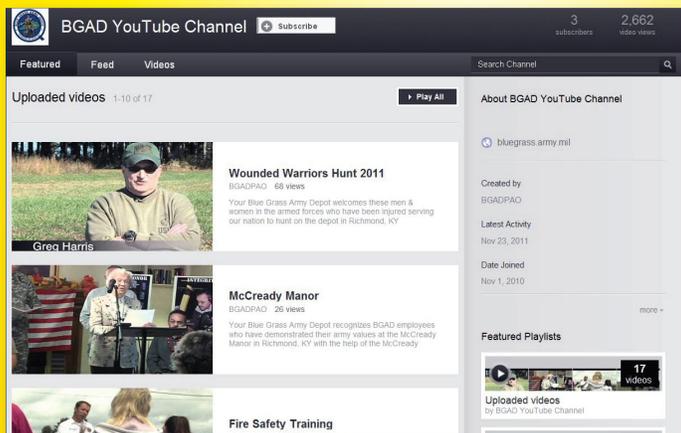
The parking lot lights at LP 91/92 are on a breaker which did not get turned off after daybreak; the depot is working on a solution to the problem.

The TEE team also followed up on Mike Deprez's idea to switch the depot's 500 fluorescent light bulbs to LED lighting. 1st Lt. Chad Vance, BGAD Department of Public Works, said it would take a multi-generational effort to replace all the fluorescent bulbs. The TEE team estimates that it would take \$33,560 to replace the bulbs, not including the cost of upgrading the ballasts. According to the TEE team, the depot could break even within 36 months by switching over to LED lighting, which is brighter and more energy efficient.

These three lighting submissions represent only a few of the TEE ideas collected in the past month.

In order to spread the word about the TEE program, Miller will attend each depot work center's Level 3 meetings to encourage employees to submit more TEE suggestions. TEE suggestions are helping the depot save money, time and energy.

Depot employees can submit their TEE ideas by filling out a form online or by hand. Drop boxes are located at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC), the clock house, the Igloo Club, and building 219. Ideas can also be submitted by calling ext. 6452, emailing an idea to BLUE-TEE, or by visiting the TEE link on the BGAD Intranet site. 📧



Above: Screenshot of the Blue Grass Army Depot YouTube channel (youtube.com/BGADPAO).

eographer around a particular part of the depot, or answering questions on camera.

"The Depot is full of talented and dedicated workers who put their all into doing their best towards the mission. One of my goals is to make sure everyone can see for themselves just how the job is done and how well every job is

Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Plant Workforce Honored for Safety Recognition

Special to the The Detonator

The Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) project, headed by systems contractor Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass, honored its workforce today during a recognition ceremony for achieving Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Status.

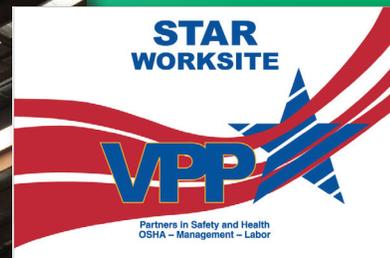
VPP Star Status is one of the highest recognitions for safety practices awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

More than 600 construction workers, government officials and community leaders attended the event at the BGCAPP construction site, as OSHA Region 4 Representative Michelle Sotak presented a plaque and the prestigious VPP Star flag to the workforce.

Sotak commended the workforce and the management team for their commitment to make BGCAPP one of the nation's safest construction projects.

"We have made a commitment to come to work each day believing that zero accidents is achievable," said Bechtel Parsons Project Manager Tom McKinney. "This award is a testament to everyone's commitment and ownership of our safety and health program."

BGCAPP Site Project Manager Jeff Brubaker agreed. "We should all take great pride in sharing this accomplishment, as achieving Star Status is evidence of the strong support and com-



Members of a Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) safety team hoist the prestigious Voluntary Protection Program banner during a ceremony at the BGCAPP construction site. The flag is flown at sites recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for having the most effective worker-safety programs. Photo provided by the BGCAPP Public Affairs Office.

and Robert Akin, Central Kentucky Building & Construction Trades Council president.

Michael Todd, a union electrician, spoke of the project's robust safety culture. He encouraged all workers to get involved in the safety program, partner with one another and share ideas on ways to continuously improve worker safety.

Several BGCAPP workers received awards for participating in the project's VPP Star team. The Star team is a voluntary, employee-based safety group that helped implement VPP and promotes the importance of establishing personal responsibility and ownership for a positive safety culture.

The BGCAPP project joins the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, a sister site located at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado, in obtaining this prestigious safety status. The Bechtel Pueblo Team earned VPP Star Status certification there in 2008 and was recently recertified under the program.

The BGCAPP is being built to safely and efficiently destroy a stockpile of chemical weapons currently in storage at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The plant will destroy 523 tons of munitions containing blister and nerve agents. Currently, the pilot plant is under construction and work is progressing on a variety of facilities to support chemical demilitarization operations.

For more information on the project, please visit the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives website at www.pmacwa.army.mil.

mitment shared by everyone to protect the workforce, the environment and the surrounding community."

Several dignitaries also shared remarks, including Regina Crawford, field representative for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY); Judge-Executive Kent Clark, Madison County Fiscal Court; Jim Richmond, of the Army's Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program; Col. Brian Rogers, Blue Grass Army Depot commander;



Blue Grass Army Depot Commander Col. Brian L. Rogers addresses members of the pilot plant workforce during a celebration of the team's recognition with an elite safety award. More than 500 members of the plant's workforce and several local officials attended the event. Photo provided by the BGCAPP Public Affairs Office.

Shop with a Cop



Welcome Home to all our redeployed Soldiers!
Thank you for your service to our nation.



Above: Shop with a Cop Blue Grass Army Depot police officers help underprivileged children shop for \$100 in clothing and toys during the Shop with a Cop event Saturday, December 17. Photos by Mary Moses.



Photos by Samuel G. Hudson.



Congratulations to Tanya Morgan Huff, Tekoah Eubanks, and Allen Farell on receiving the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service!



Photos by Mary Moses.

Mid-Winter Review



Depot Family Page

Holiday Photos



The Carey Family traveled from Russia, Michigan, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Kentucky to take this Christmas Card picture.



Gizmo, beloved dog of Bonnie Mers, opens his Christmas gift.



Veronica Thomas, daughter of Janet and Vinnie Thomas, opens Christmas gifts with family dog Abby (right).



Lillie and Ellie Deprez, daughters of Mike Deprez, stand before the family tree on Christmas Eve 2011.

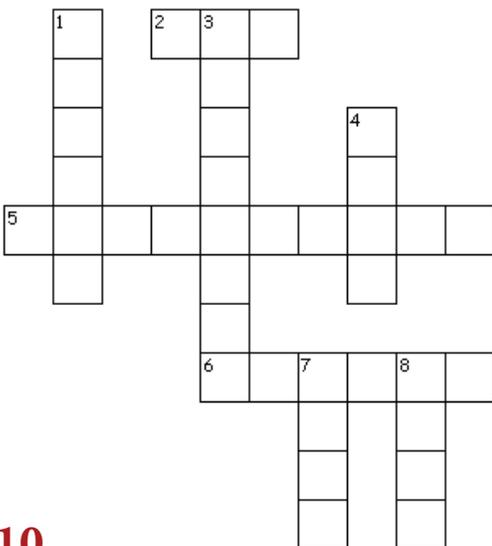


The Blue Grass Army Depot Safety Office celebrates their office Christmas party.



Bonnie Mers gets dressed up for a New Year's Eve party.

Slips, Trips and Falls Campaign Crossword Puzzle



- Across:
- 2. OSHA's program of excellence
 - 5. "Accident _____ deserves your attention"
 - 6. "_____ First"

- Down:
- 1. A danger or risk
 - 3. "_____ in Quality"
 - 4. Slide unintentionally
 - 7. Move downward rapidly without control
 - 8. Catch one's foot on something and stumble or fall

After completing the crossword, fax to the Safety Office at x7070 with your name and contact number for a chance to win a safety incentive award.

What happened to the January Detonator?

The Detonator Staff apologizes for the absence of a January Detonator. Because of the reduced amount of depot stories available after the holidays, we made the decision to combine the January and February issues. We remain committed to providing the BGAD workforce with timely, relevant, and high quality stories for The Detonator.