

### *BGCA Senior Enlisted Officer Retires*

Sgt. 1st Class David W. Moragne, Jr., the senior enlisted advisor for the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA), retired from the U.S. Army with twenty years of military service Monday, June 6.

“Today is a great day for the Moragne family, and it’s a sad day for the U.S. Army,” said Lt. Col. Steve Basso, BGCA commander.

Basso presented Moragne a Meritorious Service Medal at the ceremony. Both he and his wife received Certificates of Appreciation.

Sgt. 1st Class Moragne served as the chemical stockpile non-commissioned officer for BGCA from 2008-2011.

### *X-ray Assessment Complete*

BGCA crews recently completed a munition X-ray assessment within the Chemical Limited Area.

During the operation, which began in May, 176 mustard agent-filled munitions were assessed to identify what portion of the stockpiled mustard munitions may contain solidified agent, known as a heel. This data may provide insight into removing bursters from the munitions, to support efforts by the U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternative in safely and efficiently destroying the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot.



*Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class David Moragne (Left) received awards from Lt. Col. Steven Basso (Right) during a retirement ceremony held earlier this month.*

### *BGCA Highlights:*

- ❖ BGCA Tours will begin again in September. We will schedule two on-site tours a month and we are available to visit your school with the BGCA Mobile Information Center. Contact Sheryl Lowell for additional information at (859) 779-6897.

### *BGCA Key Messages:*

- ❖ The Blue Grass Chemical Munitions Stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) under the command of Lt. Col. Steven Basso.
- ❖ The U.S. Army is *committed* to the safety of the community, the workforce and the environment.
- ❖ The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program is *committed* to saving lives and protecting property in the unlikely event of a chemical accident or incident at BGCA.

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### *“Upcoming Events”*

**June 22- Ms. Sheila Johnson, BGCA chief of staff, will be a guest speaker during the Economic and Development Strategies Committee Mtg.**

