

1st Lt. Jake Pinion, B.S.

Chief of Environmental Health

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital



Education:

University of Dubuque Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science

Previous Experience:

- Various research projects with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Four years Active Duty with Air Force Security Forces

Office Location:

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, room 124

Services Provided:

- Field Sanitation Team training
- Food Handlers Course training
- Medical threat briefings
- Sanitary inspections of all installation dining facilities/eateries
- Sanitary inspections of all child and youth services facilities, to include food preparation areas
- Sanitary inspections of all training areas and ranges (annual and as needed/requested)
- Pest surveys on all training areas prior to spraying of insecticides
- Recreational water testing
- Drinking water testing



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What do you like most about your job?

1st Lt. Pinion: "I enjoy working with the community to ensure our Soldiers and civilians are able to live in a healthy environment where they don't have to worry that the food they eat or the pool they swim in on post are going to make them sick. My top priority is to make recommendations that will benefit the entire community and mitigate risks associated with environmental hazards to a miniscule level."

Where did you grow up?

1st Lt. Pinion: "I grew up in Andrew, Iowa, a small town near the Mississippi river in eastern Iowa. I worked on my neighbor's farm growing up and enjoyed trekking through the woods to the nearest trout stream as a kid. This is how I gained my appreciation for science and nature."

Why did you choose to come to Fort Leonard Wood?

1st Lt. Pinion: "I was enlisted in the Air Force and spent four years at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. When I left active duty I discovered that small town Missouri life is hard to beat. That's why Fort Leonard Wood was my first choice for a duty assignment when I chose to come back on active duty in the Army."

How do you spend your time when you're not working?

1st Lt. Pinion: "Spending time with my wife and children is my passion. We currently have five kids and a young golden retriever in our household. I enjoy taking the family fishing on local Missouri rivers, lakes and ponds. I also enjoy archery and dream about having a freezer full of venison each year."

How can someone request services provided by Environmental Health?

1st Lt. Pinion: "From the hospital homepage (<http://glwach.amedd.army.mil>) select "Environmental Health" from the "Clinics" drop down menu. The services we provide are located there and the forms to request these services are easy to fill out. Make sure you leave good contact information so we can get back with you."

