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## **Pantex Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Plant established to help win World War II*

The Pantex Ordnance Plant began operations 70 years ago this week, turning out conventional bombs that helped end World War II and secure the world for peace. In the intervening seven decades, the plant's mission evolved greatly, but one thing remained the same: the pride Pantexans feel at fulfilling their critical role in helping to secure America.

As part of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this week, Pantex will be honoring the thousands of current and former Pantexans, as well as the communities of the Texas Panhandle that have supported the plant.

On Thursday, all plant employees will mark the event with cake and a commemorative gift. That event will be followed up by a reception at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce to thank community leaders who have supported Pantex over the years.

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B&W Pantex manages and operates the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. B&W Pantex is also the proud recipient of the DOE's Voluntary Protection Program STAR status for safety excellence. The company was also named one of America's safest companies by Occupational Hazards magazine and has received numerous awards from the National Safety Council.

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