

**MELVIN  
PENNINGTON**



SFC Melvin Pennington was asked to deliver the game ball for The Chicago Sky vs Indiana Fever Women's WNBA Basketball game on Friday, September 6, 2013. This was Military Appreciation Night. Melvin has 38 years of service with the Military and on October 22nd, he will have 40 years of service with GELITA. Melvin started with Wilson Foods, October 1973 as a Mix Checker, left for 6 years active duty status (1975), serving on board the USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 (Nuclear Submarine) upon returning in 1981 he then became a Process Operator. He then came over to the new plant in May of 1981 and worked as a Utility A Operator until 1989. He's been in his current position as Shift Supervisor since December 1989. Melvin served 25 years with the Navy and 13 years with the Army Reserve, with a Tour of Iraq he is still active in the Indiana Guard Reserve unit 2nd BDE of Lafayette Indiana.

Melvin says he has seen a lot of people come and go at Gelita and Military through the years. If anyone asks him what have you done in your life? He would say he has had a chance to see the world and learn Gelatin with a extremely Blessed Career he cherished every moment of It.