

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### As for me and my house....

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There is a lot to be said for someone who holds a firm conviction about something. Even when you know they are wrong, they can often impress you in how firmly they hold on to their conviction. How much more impressive is it when you know the person is right and they hold firm to their conviction even in the face of adversity?

God's Word is right, but it is not as respected as it once one in our society. God's ways are right, but they are not followed as

they once were. God's love is right, but it seems fewer and fewer people turn to it. God's plan for our rescue from sin is right, but more and more people spurn it. In today's world, being a follower of the Lord takes more conviction than it used to in the face of the challenges Christians now experience.

The biblical Joshua was one of those rare individuals who had the internal fortitude and strength of conviction to withstand adversity and maintain his faith in God.

In Joshua chapter 24 he and his people were surrounded by peoples who had beliefs and faiths that were idolatrous (they

worshipped idols). The easy path would have been for him to adopt their practices and join in.

Joshua, however, decided to serve God alone. He also wanted his entire household to honor his Lord as well. He had trusted God in many other situations, including the battlefield, and he was not about to turn his back on Him now.

In speaking to his people, Joshua said "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

You have to make a choice too. Who will

you serve? Even not making a choice is a choice. Generally, choices made by default are not in your best interest. There are a lot of beliefs, groups, and fads out there to choose from. But don't you want what you choose to line up with reality?

The Bible has proven to be accurate time after time, and the truths in it line up with reality. God's Word also promotes love, goodness, kindness and other attitudes and behaviors I think we can all agree are worthy of respect.

The choice you must make is the same as the Israelites faced, who will you and your house follow?

## CAMP SHELBY AREA WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The following worship opportunities are available through Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

### ON POST

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Sunday, 9 a.m., Greer Chapel  
Sunday, 12:30 p.m., Greer Chapel

#### Catholic Mass

Saturday, 2 p.m., Greer Chapel

(Confessions at 1:30 p.m.)  
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#### Latter-day Saints

Sunday, 9 a.m., Latter-day Saints Meeting House, 1618 Broadway Dr., 601-268-2438/ Hall: 601-268-9706. Contact the Post Chaplain.

#### Episcopal

Sunday, 8 a.m., Trinity Episcopal, 509 West Pine St., 601-544-5551

#### Jewish

Friday at Temple B'Nai Israel at 801

Mamie Street, 601-545-3871. Every Friday at 6 p.m.

#### Muslim

Contact Post Chaplain

#### Others

Church of God at Bellevue, Hwy. 589, Hattiesburg  
Jesus Christ of LDS, 2215 Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg



Pennsylvania National Guard Soldiers of the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team attended the memorial re-dedication at the site of the old 28th Infantry Division headquarters at CSJFTC.

## Rededicate

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as they return from Afghanistan to complete their demobilization at Camp Shelby before going home to Family and friends.

"This monument is important because it tells my young Soldiers here that 68 years ago, their grandfathers, probably who took part in WW II, came through this place and now here they are doing the same thing," said Craig. "As one of the speakers said, maybe 20 or 30 years from now, some of those young Soldiers will be old guys like me and they may want to come here and just see that link again so, it's important. I think it says a lot about the United States; you know, here we are, a thousand miles away from Pennsylvania and this still a very important part of our history now."

The recent deployment of the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team marks the third overseas contingency operation for members of

the 28th Infantry Division deploying from CSJFTC. The 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed from CSJFTC in 2005, the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team deployed in 2008 followed by the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team in 2012 and 2013.

"I just want to thank the Camp Shelby garrison, because when we first found this in 2005, it was completely overgrown just like you see behind me," said Craig. "They cleared all the brush out; they helped us erect this plaque. We provided the plaque but they did the stand and so they have been a big help. We very much appreciate their help."

First established in 1917, CSJFTC became a mobilization station in June 2004. The training center continues to meet the challenges of providing for the nation's defense by serving as a Mobilization Force Generating Installation. Since then, the mission has evolved in planning, developing, and providing a diverse and demanding training environment that evolves constantly to meet the new and emerging threats to our nation's security.



## Museum

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POWs in Mississippi during the Second World War. The wooden components of the chair were in good condition, but the metal components contained rust. "In order to make the object safe for display and storage, we had to treat the rust and then apply a micro-crystalline wax to prevent rust from forming again," she said.

Procedures like this are all in a day's work for the museum collections staff who work hard to ensure that the artifacts are available for viewing for years to come.



Above, lab facilities used by the staff at the Armed Forces Military Museum on post. At left, a chair used by POWs during World War II.

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