

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR’S CORNER

Concentrate on your future plans....

During the month of August, we remember two of the deadliest and most destructive storms to ever hit the Gulf Coast states. Hurricane Camille and Hurricane Katrina, which both hit Southern states in August with an estimated combined damage of nearly \$109 billion and more than 2,000 fatalities.

As we come upon these anniversary dates, let’s not forget those Families, friends and loved ones who lost their lives during these storms.

Speaking of hurricanes, let’s not forget that we are still in hurricane season. Proper planning, necessary equipment and food/water supply can definitely prevent you from making drastic decisions at the last minute. Have an evacuation plan; know where your Family is going to be; have a finance plan and making sure you keep your leadership in the loop. Proper planning is the key.

We are steadily decreasing our numbers here at Camp Shelby as the contingency operations continue to draw down. Now is the time to start focusing on what you will be doing after you leave here.

There are plenty of helpful resources that can help you transition back into civilian life, such as the Education Center, Transition Assistance Program and USAJOBS. These are just a few outlets that can assist you. Don’t waste time; seek the information that will prepare you.

As our Soldiers begin to transition back home, leaders and senior noncommissioned officers, put your Soldiers in for those awards. This is one way to show your Soldiers that you appreciate their selfless service to the mission here at Camp Shelby.

Do all you can to get your people the kudos they deserve, but make sure they are in compliance for receipt of awards; the process will work a lot faster if you ensure that there are no flags, height/weight issues or APFT failures before sending up the paperwork.

The command staff is here to help you. If we don’t know the answer, we will find someone who does.

Continue to work hard and keep up the standards of excellence that people have come to expect from our installation and its people. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Remember there is never the right time to do the wrong thing. May God continue to bless you, your Families, our brothers and sisters in arms and this great country we live in.

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