

Discovering your career potential....

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When thinking about pursuing goals, whether it be going back to school or finding a new job or career, one may have defeating thoughts such as “I’m not capable of accomplishing this because I don’t have the necessary skills.”

For transitioning military members and their spouses, The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is available to help you recognize your potential skills and possibly help obtain your dream job.

At the ACAP Center, you have the opportunity to take skill and interest tests to help you “pin point”



what you are good at and what you’d be happy doing in a new career. Also, you can learn how to create resumes, interview, market your skills, and negotiate salary with potential employers. These types of skills can be learned by attending our workshops and by using the state-of-the-art computers that are available at the Center. However, the first step is to attend a mandatory Preseparation Briefing where an ACAP Counselor explains the benefits that you may be entitled to as a transitioning military member as well as provide an overview of the transition process.

While beginning the transition process, military members and their

spouses may be fearful of what civilian life will bring. Often times, when transitioning members walk through the ACAP Center door for the first time, they feel overwhelmed or anxious, but at the same time excited. These feelings are normal for people in the transitioning process. Anxiety may actually be a productive stressor if people react to it as such. The ACAP staff will greet you and try to alleviate much of this transition stress as you progress through the transition period. To further help, the ACAP Staff teaches stress reduction techniques as part of a workshop. While the job search process may seem overwhelming at first, with the help of the ACAP staff, clients learn skills that they will be able to use for the rest of their life.

Shortly after clients begin the

transition process, they start to “unwind” and become less fearful and more excited. By using the resources available to them at the ACAP Center, they begin to discover that there are many possible opportunities that they were unaware of. By pursuing these opportunities, they begin to realize that they do, in fact, have the required skills needed for the job. Skills + opportunity = success.

ACAP clients continuously demonstrate they have what it takes to get the job they want and deserve. Even for clients who possess minimal skills, our Career Counselors can assist you with learning how to extensively develop them to maximize your potential for a new career. During each visit to the ACAP Center, you will find information that will help you with your job search process.

If you utilize the available resources at the ACAP Center, the possibilities of finding something that you would truly enjoying doing instead of something you “have” to do may be an obtainable goal. Then, you too may be able to triumphantly relate to the following; “I’ve gone through life believing in the strength and competence of others; never in my own. Now, dazzled, I discover that my capacities are real. It’s like finding a fortune in the lining of an old coat.” ~ Joan Mills

If you are within 18 months of transitioning or within two years from retiring, visit or call the Ft. Rucker ACAP Center, (334) 255-2558, Camp Shelby, MS (60F10558-2298, or Eglin A&FRC at (850) 882-9060 for an appointment.



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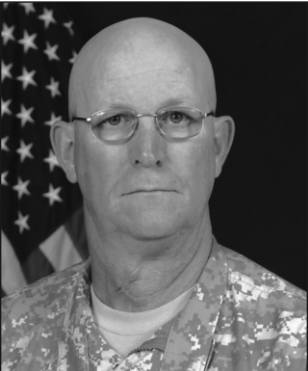
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Mission changes, but focus remains

During the past two months, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center has seen numerous of Change of Command ceremonies, Changes of Responsibility and retirements. most recently, Maj. Pat Lowery and Sgt. 1st Class Lauris Sessums retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard.

I’d like to thank both of you for your service and dedication to the mission here. Your devotion has been instrumental to Camp Shelby by helping to make Camp Shelby a premiere mobilization station.

Last Friday, I attended the Change of Responsibility for the 1st Battalion 204th Air Defense Artillery, headquartered in Newton. Though he is not retiring out of the Mississippi Army National Guard, I want to say job well done to Command Sgt. Maj. Guy Ainsworth and welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas King as the new senior enlisted advisor of the unit. Continue to uphold the ethos of “Be, Know and Do,” as it is the Army’s



Cmd. Sgt. Maj Steven Chancellor

time-tested NCO leadership model.

As the mission here at Camp Shelby begins to change, let’s not lose focus as we still remain a mobilization force generation installation. There are several units that are still training up for their Overseas Contingency Operation mission. So let’s continue to give and show them that we are still a premiere mobilization station.

Again, as the mission here begins to change, Soldiers like you and I will start transitioning off of Title 10 orders.

I want you to know that there are a lot of companies out there who are very interested in hiring veterans, and you would be doing yourself a big favor to go see what they have to offer. Don’t wait until the last minute!!

Hero 2 Hired, USAJOBS or Indeed.com are great websites to help you search for jobs. The Education Center is still working hard to support the educational and career needs of the Camp Shelby community, and if you haven’t made your way over to visit with them yet, I encourage you to make time to do so.

Education is a vitally important part of your career progression, both in civilian and military life, so take full advantage of every benefit that you have earned. Education is a force multiplier, and helps us maintain our well-deserved reputation as the most highly trained and proficient Army in the world.

As I draw this column to a close, I want to personally thank the Camp Shelby Public Affairs Office. Since

2004, The Reveille has been going strong by putting out great stories, pictures and vital information for the Soldier.

This paper you are holding is the last regular edition and what you are holding is a piece of history. They will still produce stories and pictures but it will not be in a 12-page newspaper.

To the Public Affairs Office, thank you for your dedication and commitment here. Your work here has not gone unnoticed. Words can’t express the gratitude I have for you all.

As always, I am always about the Soldier. I stand behind my motto, “Soldiers First.” My door is always open. I will try my best to accommodate you in any way. But make sure you utilize your chain of command. Just remember, right is right, wrong is wrong; don’t expect me to lend out any favors.

May God continue to bless you, your Families and our brothers and sisters in arms who are deployed.

SOLDIERS FIRST!

Orange Beach native is triathlete

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Sgt. Matthew Kaylor is a member of 7223rd Medical Support Unit headquartered in Mobile, Ala., and currently serves in Medical Task Force – Shelby. He is the Army Medical Department Personnel Education Quality System and the training NCO. He is responsible for scheduling training events, coordinating monthly physical fitness tests and weigh-ins.

“I love my current assignment and I love putting on the uniform every day,” said Kaylor.

The native of Orange Beach, Ala., enlisted in the Army Reserve shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. He has been mobilized at



Kaylor

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Camp Shelby since November, 2011.

He is an avid cyclist and triathlete. He has been training for triathlons for three years. He recently placed third in his category at the Sunfish Triathlon in Meridian and won first place in the military category in the Mighty Magnolia Triathlon in October 2012 in Hattiesburg.

Some of the triathlons are charity projects that benefit military service members. He rode 353 miles with Service Members and former Service Members from Orange Beach, Ala., to Fort Benning, Ga., to raise money for the Fort Benning Warrior Transition Unit. His current triathlon charity involves raising

money for amputee veterans through Operation Iron Freedom by competing in Ironman 70.3 in Augusta, Ga., this September.

“This project was started by the first double amputee to complete the Ironman World Championship,” said Kaylor. “The Army Team hopes to make a difference for the Wounded Warriors who want to compete but have to purchase specially made, expensive equipment.”

Kaylor invites everyone to view his website, <http://ironman.kintera.org/-faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1049523&supid=386488620>, to learn more about the charity.

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