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Hey, Soldier:
Did you Know?

GoArmyEd changes

The GoArmyEd program has made some recent changes. Effective July 1 please be aware that Mississippi State University is transitioning from the status of a Non-Letter of Instruction (LOI) to a LOI school. The change will make it easier for Soldiers to request Tuition Assistance for classes with Mississippi State.

Instead of completing the "TA Request Form," Soldiers will just click on the class listing for registration and TA. For more information about this and other educational programs, contact the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 or email John Junkins at john.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

Education Center

The Camp Shelby Education Center is now listed under GoArmyEd as a distinct education center. Previously, Camp Shelby has been listed under the Fort Rucker Education Center. For complete GoArmyEd assistance, Soldiers serving on Camp Shelby should ensure their current education center location is "Camp Shelby Education Center."

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Kuder Journey

Kuder Journey is a career and transition system specifically designed for the U.S. military. It is a comprehensive online resource to help you plan for the future. You can learn about your interests, skills and work values to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information and plan for your future success.

It's free and registration is easy! Let Kuder Journey put you on the right track! Go to www.dantes.kuder.com to register.

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Pool time

The pool is now open from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. It is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The pool house is Building 1482 on 14th Ave. across the street from the fitness center and near the CSJFTC Post theatre. The pool is open to all Soldiers and their Families and to civilians who serve on post.

155th ABCT welcomes new leader



Above, incoming 155th ABCT Commander Col. Jeffrey P. Van, right, accepts the organizational colors from Mississippi Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Augustus L. Collins during the change of command ceremony at CSJFTC June 28. At right, the Chief of Staff for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Col. Roger D. Johnson, salutes during the playing of our National Anthem.

U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs



By **STAFF SGT. KENNY HATTEN**
CSJFTC Public Affairs

Members of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team proudly assembled on the parade field at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Friday, June 28, to honor outgoing commander Col. John M. Rhodes, of Corinth and to welcome the incoming commander, Col. Jeffrey P. Van, of McComb.

"Today is a significant day in the history of this brigade," said Mississippi Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Augustus L. Collins. "Today, command, authority and responsibility is being passed between two officers who have a long and storied history with the brigade."

The change of command was symbolized by the traditional passing of the brigade colors from Col. Rhodes to Maj. Gen. Collins, who then passed the colors to Col. Van, the incoming commander.

After the change of command ceremony, Rhodes addressed the brigade and welcomed Van to his new position as commander of Mississippi's largest combat unit.

"Serving as the commander of the 155th has been the highlight of my military career," said Rhodes. "I have been a part of this formation since 1991. I wear the 'Dixie Thunder' patch with great pride, and I have never had a desire to serve anywhere else because of you."

Rhodes continued, saying that the "Dixie Thunder" torch had been passed to a proven leader whose vision and experience made him the right person for command of the brigade.

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100+ attend 21st Kid's Annual Training

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Kid's Annual Training celebrated its 21st year as more than 100 children ages 9 through 12 from National Guard Families across Mississippi enjoyed some summertime fun at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center June 22 through 29.

"Kids AT is part of our children and youth programs that we do with the Mississippi National Guard. We have 114 campers, all dependents of Mississippi Guardsmen and Airmen," said Maj. Johnny Waldrop, Mississippi Army National Guard State Family Director. "We do this every year."

The summer camp was a week long program hosting different activities for the kids to participate in to honor and educate them on military service. The Kids's AT campers experienced a daily routine that emulates what their military parents experience while serving

in the Mississippi National Guard.

"This is an outreach program that brings the kids, to get them outside and show them what the military, including the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard, actually does," said Waldrop.

Campers learned about marching, drill and ceremonies, flag etiquette, individual/group discipline and team support. They also had the opportunity to visit different locations around Camp Shelby to explore, ask questions and learn about all the things that their parents do while working or training in the Mississippi National Guard.

Thursday, June 27, was scheduled as this year's Media Day. Special events included Air Guard Day at the CSJFTC Air to Ground Range where aviation assets from different branches of service were flown in and displayed for campers to see and explore. Aviation assets such as a Coast Guard MH-60



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs
Air Force Master Sgt. Zachary Swan of the 238th ASOS adjusts the fit of a tactical plate carrier vest being tried on for size by Kids AT camper Nicholas Alexander, of Perkinston, during an equipment display at the event.