

Taking care of Soldiers begins with you

Forces Training Center is "Soldiers First," and taking care of Soldiers starts with you leading by example.

Through leading by example and taking care of your Soldiers, you set a tone that ensures a level of success for everyone on your team. It is important that every member of this team enforce the standard and ensure that we are taking care of our troops down to the lowest level to include training, equipment and safety.

Summer is here and Camp Shelby is busy with National Guard Annual Training, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps summer training as well as the continuation of the mobilization and demobilization mission. Stay vigilant and continue the standard of excellence that our Soldiers have come to expect from us.

Camp Shelby has been an active participant in recent community activities honoring service members and their Families. Thank you to all who assisted, participated and

The motto at Camp Shelby Joint Laying Ceremony and Memorial gates as they train and prepare for of the Mississippi Army National Day observances. It only takes a moment to say thank you and a lifetime to remember the reason why we are honored to serve the citizens of this great Nation.

Team, we continue the task of preparing service members for their mobilization missions as we welcome the 143rd Sustainment Command, Florida (Army Reserve); 1169th Acquisition Headquarters and Headquarters Com-

pany, Alabama Army National Guard; 65th Field Artillery Fires Brigade, Utah Army National Guard; 203rd Transportation Company, Minnesota Army National Guard; 1174th Transportation Terminal Battalion, New York Army National Guard; 370th Transportation Company, Texas (Army Re-468th Transportation serve); Company, Maryland (Army Reserve); 1180th Transportation Company, California (Army Reserve) and the 389th Transportation Company, Texas (Army Reserve).

These are just a few of the units coordinated the Annual Wreath that will be passing through our

their upcoming missions supporting Overseas Contingency Operations.

This month, we will welcome home members of the 508th Military Police Company, New Jersey Army National Guard; 130th Military Police Company and 1175th Transportation Company, Tennessee Army National Guard; 248th Engineer Support Company, Connecticut Army National Guard; 169th Military Police Company, Rhode Island Army National Guard, 933rd Military Police Company, Illinois Army National Guard; 993rd Transportation Company, Florida (Army Reserve); 39th, and 56th Infantry Battalion Texas (Army Reserve). Thanks to all of you for your continued support and sacrifice during your deployment.

Summer Annual Training is in motion. Let us welcome our comrades in arms from around the state and our neighboring states as they complete their annual training at Camp Shelby. Welcome members American heroes as they travel

Guard from Headquarters, 2-198 Combined Arms Battalion; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Louisiana Army National Guard; 1-141st Field Artillery Battalion, Louisiana Army National Guard, 377th Transportation Support Company, Louisiana Army National Guard, Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps from Alabama and the 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Illinois Army National Guard.

Team, as you and your Family enjoy the warmer weather and fun outdoors, remember safety first while swimming, boating and participating in outdoor sports. Put lifejackets on young children and ensure they swim with parents or accomplished swimmers to avoid accidents. Accidents can be prevented.

Thanks for your dedicated support as we continue the mission of mobilizing and demobilizing



Col. Brad Smith

through the gates of Camp Shelby. It is an honor and a privilege to assist America's finest patriots as they embark on their journey for the continued fight for freedom. Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work.

May God continue to bless you, your Families, and this great country.

"SOLDIERS FIRST"!

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Special camps

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)-US Army is hosting its annual Engineering and Construction Camp June 16-22 in Vicksburg.

The camp provides high school students with a great hands-on experience in engineering and construction activities. Vicksburg's wide-ranging engineering community provides a wealth of offerings in cutting edge engineering topics.

The one-week program is supervised by professional engineers and volunteers from engineering organizations in the lower Mississippi Valley.

The crewmates (campers) are exposed to a wealth of knowledge about the various career choices in the fields of engineering and construction, focusing primarily on water resources engineering. Applications are normally distributed to high schools in January for submission to the camp Student Affairs Committee by the middle of March each

For More information and the application process, go to http://samecamps.org/

Security courses

The Department of Defense Defense Security Service (DSS) Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) offers security education, training and certification. Courses offered by CDSE are available to U ernment employees and military members. Some courses are also available to employees of companies that have government contracts. There is no charge for any CDSE course: however, some courses require purchase of textbooks. The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credit for 13 CDSE courses. For more information, contact the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 or email: John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

DANTES changes

DANTES Subject Standardized Testing (DSST) will discontinue paper-based DSST

testing at education centers effective Aug. 31. John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil The decision to eliminate paper-based exams is based on a steady decline over the past year.

DSST exams will still be available after Aug. 31 at National Testing Centers. Soldiers interested in DSST testing at Camp Shelby Education Center before testing is discontinued should contact the Camp Shelby Education Office at 601-558-2029 or email John Junkins at John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

VOW requirements

Camp Shelby Soldiers transitioning from Active Duty must coordinate with the DPCA Plans/Ops Office and the ACAP counselor in Building 1441 to start their demobilization process as well in advance of the end of their orders as possible. Ideally that would be six months prior to the end of the order, but no less than 60 days from the order end-date.

The Veterans Opportunity to Work Act requirements may be completed online or in the classroom setting. Soldiers may complete the requirements online or attend the classes which are held every Thursday in Building 1613 beginning at 7 a.m. Attendance to the classroom version must be coordinated with DPCA Plans/Op and the ACAP Counselor prior to attendance. If you complete VOW via virtual means, you must schedule an appointment with the ACAP Counselor for review of the documents produced in order to be cleared to continue the demobilization process.

For more information, call the Camp Shelby ACAP Office at 601-558-2298.

Are you, or is someone you know looking for a job? Hero2Hired (H2H) is a Department of Defense program created to help Guard and Reserve members find employment. In addition to searchable job postings of militaryfriendly employers all over the country, H2H provides many other valuable tools to find a job, all in one place. Visit www.H2H.jobs and sign up today!

SIFT testing available

The Selected Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT) has replaced the Army Flight Aptitude Selection Test (AFAST) and is now available at Camp Shelby Education Center. SIFT Testing requires a completed DA Form 4187 with verification of a GT score of 110. For information

NRA Life of Duty

The National Rifle Association is offering free annual memberships for military service members, law enforcement officers and first responders through the Life of Duty program. For more information or to sponsor a membership, go to the NRA Life of Duty website at http://www.nralifeofduty.-tv/#/home

Military HOMEFRONT

This is the official Department of Defense web site for reliable Quality of Life information designed to help troops and their Families, leaders and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, find what you need! - www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/

VWIP program

Oak Arbor, a division of Pine Belt Mental Health, has received a VWIP grant and is partnering with Pearl River Community College Workforce Development to provide services focused on enhancing the employability of eligible veterans within the Perry, Lamar and Forrest County areas. The programs will be Pipefitting, Commercial Truck Driving, EMT, Electrical and Welding. Additional training will be offered in Forklift training and Microsoft applications. Those completing the respective program will also get a Career Readiness Certificate. ACT scores are not required; only high school or GED. CDL training doesn't require high school or GED. EMT, CDL and Welding will be in Hattiesburg. Pipefitting will be in Poplarville. The program will pay for tuition and supplies. The point of contact at Oak Arbor is Latibiyatta Mclendon, at tbuckhalter@oak-arbor.com or 601-545-2925; at Pearl River CC POC is Deborah Hewitt at dhewitt@prcc.edu or 601-554-5503. For more information, contact John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

MS degree in....

A team from the USM Center for Logistics, Trade and Transportation delivered a presentation on the MS Degree in Logistics, Trade and Transportation April 18. This unique degree is in demand and could pave the way for a career on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and other areas. For more information on this and other educational programs, contact the Camp

Shelby Education Office at 601-558-2029 or Mr. John Junkins John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

College Credit Exams

The Camp Shelby Education Center has fifteen (15) college credit exams (undergraduate) which are available at no cost for Soldiers. Each exam is worth three semester hours. Online study guides are available through AKO and Petersons. For a listing of the exams and web site study guides, send an email request to John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

Park passes

Free 12 month passes are available for active military and their dependents at the Wiggins Forest Service Office. The passes allow free entrance to National Parks, Fish and Wildlife Refuges, and waiver of standard amenity fees at Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service sites. For more information, contact USFS Military Liaison Lisa Yager at the DeSoto Ranger District 601-528-6185 or email her at lyager@fs.fed.us



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