Retired Soldier serves 177th

PERSONNEL PROFILE CIVILIAN

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Ronald Reuben serves as a computer specialist and a network administrator for the 177th Armored Brigade. He is responsible for managing all data communication networks, helping unit members with information system problems and repairing information systems. In addition, he manages the telephone system and assists with video teleconferencing issues.

Reuben

"I enjoy the opportunity to continue to work with and serve Soldiers," said Reuben. "I also enjoy coming in to work with my wife, Katrina, who also works in the unit."

A native of Chicago, he now resides in Mississippi. He retired from the U.S. Army after he served 22 years in various positions including field artilleryman and fire support specialist, forward observer and target planner. He deployed in support of Dessert Storm/Dessert Shield and completed two tours in Germany and one tour in Korea.

Reuben earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Troy University in Troy, Ala., and an associate degree in general studies from Barton County Community College located near Great Bend, Kan.

In his spare time, he serves as a deacon at Tabernacle of Prayer Church of God in Christ. He also enjoys playing golf, traveling with his wife and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys.

He has two grown children, Quinton and Quanithia and four grandsons, Quincy, 7, Quentin, 6, Quavaughn, 5, and Trenton, 1.

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Get hurricane kits together early

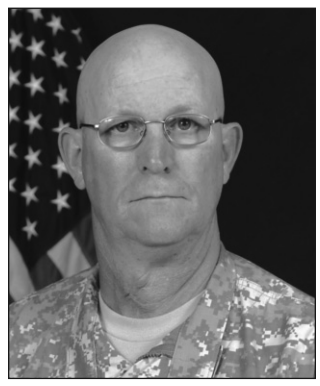
We are in the middle of June and that starts hurricane season for us here in South Mississippi.

For those of you who are new to the area, we take hurricane season very seriously here. Right now is the time to make plans for contending with a storm.

Your main objective, of course, is to make sure you and your Family are as safe as possible. Your second aim is to protect your property. Some strategic planning should be getting the whole Family involved, deciding where you want to be during a hurricane, having backup plans for shelter, deciding what to do if your family gets separated, telling others about your plan, involving all family members about your plan, making preparations for the children, finding out if you have to work, having some emergency cash put away and last ,but not least, buying supplies early.

Your plan should be detailed and cover not just what to do now, but also what to do as the storm threatens, as it hits and what to do afterwards.

The heat is on, and temperatures are rising. Here lately, we have witnessed some high humidity in South Mississippi. But you know we haven't seen anything yet. If your daily tasks take you out in the weather, pay attention to the heat category updates and remember to drink plenty of water. Becoming or being a "heat cat" victim is not the way to go.


Cmd. Sgt. Maj Steven Chancellor

Also this month, the 177th Armored Brigade and the 158th Infantry Brigade will be conducting their Change of Command ceremonies. Hats off to their outgoing leadership as they have provided extraordinary leadership and guidance in helping to prepare, train and validate our service members before heading overseas to fight this ongoing war.

As I mentioned in my last article, there are a lot of companies out there who are very interested in hiring veterans, and you would be doing yourselves a big favor to go see what they have to offer. Don't wait until the last minute!

As always, I'm going to take a moment to talk about safety. I do this because I care about Soldiers.

The streets of Camp Shelby are starting to increase with vehicle traffic and Soldiers walking down the streets. Everybody knows that you're not supposed to be texting or talking on your phone if you are driving. I don't care if it's your POV or a GSA; it can wait or you can pull off on the shoulder of the road.

Distracted driving is a serious killer and as bad as the accident potential is on post, it's ten times worse out on the highway, so think about it. DO THE RIGHT THING!

And once again, thank you team, for your service, attention to detail and selfless service as we continue to provide mobilization/demobilization support to other units. So thank you to everyone for giving your best efforts to ensure that we remain the premier National Guard force generation and training site in the country.

May God to bless you, your Families, our brothers and sisters in arms and this great country we call the U.S.A.

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AARTS transitioning to JST

ARTS Transition

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