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Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center hosted a 10K and 2-mile fun run/walk in recognition of Armed Forces Day, May 18 at the Camp Shelby Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. The run was open to the public and showcased approximately 280 participants from the base and Hattiesburg community. Proceeds from the run yielded over \$6,000.

Camp Shelby celebrates Armed Forces Day with a race

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On your mark, get set, go!

Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center was the prime location to host a 10K and 2-mile fun run/walk in recognition of Armed Forces Day, May 18 at the Camp Shelby Mississippi Armed Forces Museum.

The run was open to the public and showcased approximately 280 participants from around the installation and the Hattiesburg community. Hattiesburg-area running clubs such as the Pinebelt Pacers, Team Soccer Locker and Runner's High also participated in the race, contributing to its overall success.

"I was overwhelmed, but delighted, by the support received by the CSJFTC command and the outpouring of support from the local community," said Lt. Col. Amy Ninneman, executive officer of Medical Task Force Shelby, who along with Spc. Chantini Craig, organized the race.

This was the first time that Camp Shelby hosted a run on base of this magnitude. The Armed Forces Day race raised more than \$6,000. Half of the proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project which is a national organization that has been instrumen-

tal in supporting the men and women of our armed forces who have incurred service-connected injuries or illness on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The other half of the proceeds benefit the Potential Energy Military Association of Hattiesburg, which promotes healthy recreational events for service members such as the Armed Forces Day Run.

Anthony Stricker was the overall male winner for the 10K with a final run time of 36 minutes, 17.6 seconds and Hanna Knowles was the overall female winner for the 10K with a final run time of 43:13.8. The two-mile winners were Ryan Ramirez with a run time of 16:24.4 for the overall male two mile winner and Melody MacDonald overall female winner of the two mile race with a final time of 16:26.1. Winners received a plaque for their accomplishment.

"Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out and made this event an overwhelming success. It was well organized and greatly received by Soldiers, their Family and the community," said Ninneman.

Participants of the race received a T-shirt and a distinguished 'finishers' race day dog tag necklace. Several runners left the race with door prizes courtesy of local community restaurants and shops.



Anthony Stricker of Hattiesburg was the overall male winner for the 10K with a final run time of 36 minutes, 17.6 seconds. Stricker is an avid runner and participates in Team Soccer Locker running events.



Hanna Knowles was the overall female winner for the 10K race with a final run time of 43 minutes and 13.8 seconds. Knowles is a member of Runner's High racing team.



Col. James Grady, commander of Medical Task Force Shelby and his wife Stephanie cross the finish line victoriously during the Armed Forces Day Race held at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center..

