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Hey, Soldier:
Did you Know?

Education Fair

There will be an Education Fair May 23 featuring representatives from colleges, employers and supporting agencies. The event is open to Soldiers, Family members and the entire Camp Shelby Community. This event will be held from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Building 2610.

For more information on this and other educational programs, contact the Camp Shelby Education Office at 601-558-2029 or email John Junkins at john.junkins1@us-army.mil

Pool time

The pool is now open until September. It is open from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. It is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The pool house is Building 1482 and is located 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. For more information, call 601-558-2220.

DANTES changes

DANTES Subject Standardized Testing (DSST) will discontinue paper-based DSST testing at education centers effective Aug. 31. 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.junkins1@us-army.mil

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.S. government 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.junkins1@us.army.mil



U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs
Field Maintenance New Equipment Training instructors from Team Abrams prepare to offload the Mississippi Army National Guard's first six M1A2 SEP v2 main battle tanks at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

155th receives six new tanks



At left, Sgt. Joseph Howell, a Surface Maintenance Mechanic at MATES, acts as a ground guide for one of the new M1A2 SEP v2 Main Battle Tanks as the driver watches for hand signals during the offloading procedure.

**By STAFF SGT.
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CSJFTC public Affairs

Mississippi National Guard maintenance personnel took delivery of the first six M1A2 SEP v.2 main battle tanks intended for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team May 3 at the Mobilization And Training Equipment Site (MATES) at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

"The 155th ABCT was fielded 112 M3A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles last year and this year we were selected to get 58 of the latest Abrams tanks which are the M1A2 SEPv.2s, which will be replacing our M1A1 fleet which are all currently at MATES. This makes the 155th ABCT the only brigade combat team in the

National Guard to receive both upgraded fleets," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jessie Lindsay, Property Book Officer for the 155th ABCT.

The new tanks represent a leap forward in terms of lethality, survivability and ease of operation, as well as new maintenance procedures, which means that the mechanics need to be qualified on the machines before the crews receive them.

"Our goal is to have the maintenance personnel trained prior to their units drawing the tanks, so that the unit will have trained maintenance personnel available should there become a need," said Abrams Field Maintenance NET Manager Mark Kastner. "We try to get maintenance training done

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Fourth Alabama home!

By MAJ. MICHAEL TOMBERLIN
1/167TH Infantry Public Affairs

The Alabama National Guard's 1/167th Infantry Battalion, the "Fourth Alabama," returned home after a nine-month mission that saw its nearly 600 Soldiers operate throughout Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Two separate flights returned the Soldiers to Gulfport, where they had departed in August 2012 to begin the security force mission in support of NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. C. Lynn Gable, commander of the Alabama National Guard's 62nd Troop Command, greeted "Fourth Alabama" Soldiers as they got off their airplanes and stepped foot once

again on U.S. soil.

Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, commander of the 1/167th, returned on the first flight, but remained to greet the Soldiers on the second flight.

Many Family members, friends and loved ones were at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center to welcome the Soldiers back, even though the reunion only lasted for a couple of hours before the Soldiers had to get down to the business of completing redeployment requirements.

The 1/167th operated for the last nine months throughout Afghanistan as Task Force Centurion Prime where it was charged with providing personal security and maneuver in support of NATO Training Mission-



U.S. Army photo by Maj. Michael Tomberlin/Released
U.S. Army Brig. Gen. C. Lynn Gable, left, the commander of the 62nd Troop Command, Alabama National Guard, greets Soldiers of the 1/167th Infantry Regiment, Alabama National Guard.

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