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Instilling quality leadership...

“You must love Soldiers in order to understand them and understand them in order to lead them.”

-Henri Turenne

When you were becoming a Soldier in the United States Army, you looked for guidance and leadership.

Remember the types of phases during basic training – Red Phase, White Phase Blues Phase and then graduation? There was a process and transformation into becoming a SOLDIER.

During these times, you leaned on your peers and sought guidance from your drill sergeant. Those instructors provided you with leadership and instilled the Army Values.

Our NCO ranks are losing sight of instilling Army Values and providing quality leadership.

Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk Conley, Army National Guard senior enlisted Noncommissioned Officer, visited Camp Shelby last week and I remember him saying that we, as NCOs, need to take better care of our Soldiers. Stop sending unqualified NCO’s to schools they can’t pass, especially if they can’t pass the Army Physical Fitness Test.

He said he would rather you send that high-speed junior NCO to school, knowing that he/she is going to pass the PT test and pass school, rather than sending an unfit E5 or E6 to school. It is costing too

Cmd. Sgt. Maj Steven Chancellor

much.

Senior NCOs need to take these junior NCOs under their wing and show them the correct way of being a LEADER and what it means. Believe it or not, but a lot of our Soldiers are getting out of the military, not because of the many deployments, but because of lack of leadership in the ranks. Let’s train them up right and start living by the Army Values.

Structured Self Development Courses went into effect this month. Without completion of the required SSD courses, you can’t get promoted.

Soldiers are eligible to compete for promotion, be placed on the promotion list and selected for promotion, but promotion orders will not be issued until they have completed the appropriate level of SSD.

Once you have been selected for promotion, you must apply for and accept a

training date in ATRRS within 30 days after notification. Let’s get our Soldiers enrolled in these courses to get them promoted.

Our annual Army Physical Fitness Test is around the corner. According to the training room, May 6-10 is the period designated for you to excel in your fitness test. Exercising should be a daily habit and routine in your life.

If you’re not prepping your body now, it’s not too late. Get to the gym, go running/walking, and do push-ups or sit-ups. Prepare yourselves to receive a “GO.” You don’t want to be the one who fails.

This month we recognize the Victims of the Holocaust “Days of Remembrance.” Proclaimed by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, ceremonies will be conducted throughout the U.S. for one week to remember these victims.

The mission is not over. We still have Soldiers conducting mobilization training and demobilization. No matter what their mission is, let’s continue to give that over- achieving support you have been giving.

Your determination and can-do attitude hasn’t gone unnoticed.

Thank you for all that you do. May God continue to bless you, your Families, our brothers and sisters in arms and the United States of America.

“SOLDIERS FIRST!”

SOLDIERS PRESENTED DE FLEURY AWARD... Lt. Col. Joy Alexander, at left, and Lt. Col. Rick Weaver, right, were presented the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal at the 168th Engineer Brigade Headquarters in Vicksburg March 5. The prestigious award was presented by Col. Joe D. Hargett, commander of the 168th Engineer Brigade. The award honors individuals who have provided significant contributions to Army Engineering. Alexander is the deputy of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities at CSJFTC, while Weaver is the director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Frye is Human Resource specialist

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Spc. Joseph Frye is a human resource specialist for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 177th Armored Brigade. His job is to complete administrative work that supports the HHD commander and first sergeant.

He joined the Army Reserve in September 2008 and mobilized here in September 2011.

“I joined because I wanted to start a career as well as a military Family tradition,” said Frye. “I am the first person in my Family to serve in the military.”

Frye is a native of Mendenhall. He earned an associate degree from Copiah Lincoln Community College at the Magee campus. He is currently attending the University of Southern Mississippi and plans to earn a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

Frye

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He said he is enjoying his service at Camp Shelby.

“I have learned a lot and I have great leadership that has mentored me,” he said. “It is a great way to start my military career.”

Frye was named Soldier of Quarter Board in January for the 177th Armored Brigade’s first Quarter Board.

In his spare time, he enjoys hunting in a deer camp in Georgetown and salt water fishing on the Coast. He is a member of a habitat, conservation and hunting organization, Ducks Unlimited.

He is married to Ally Frye, a cosmetologist working in Petal.

He hopes to travel in the future. His top choice destinations are Ireland and New Zealand.