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Hey, Soldier: Did you Know?

Tuition assistance

The Secretary of the Army has approved the suspension of Tuition Assistance effective March 8, 2013. Soldiers will no longer be permitted to submit new requests for Tuition Assistance. However, Soldiers currently enrolled in courses approved for Tuition Assistance are not affected, and will be allowed to complete current course enrollment(s).

This change in the Army Tuition Assistance program applies to all Soldiers, including the Army National Guard and Army Reserves. The Army understands the impacts of this decision and will re-evaluate the decision if the budgetary situation improves.

In the interim, Soldiers can continue to access their GI Bill benefits, if applicable, either the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) or the Post 9/11 GI Bill, or use other funding sources (i.e. grants, scholarships, or Army National Guard Soldiers using state Tuition Assistance where available).

For more information, contact the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 or via email at John.junkins1-us.army.mil

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

GoArmyEd

Family Members (Spouses) are encouraged to set up an education record in GoArmyEd. Although Federal Tuition Assistance is not yet provided there is a wealth of education information provided in the GoArmyEd system. There are 2,500 colleges listed, multiple scholarship sites and tutorial sites which are available for review and exploration. Visit or call the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 for more information, or email hannah.c.traphagan@us.army.mil or john.junkins1-us.army.mil

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>

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Cpl. Maybert Weir Titus Polk of Jefferson Davis County, a World War II Veteran and a member of the 45th Women's Army Corps Detachment, received a standing ovation during last week's award ceremony at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, applauding her service and achievement as a member of the 45th Women's Army Corps Detachment. Congressman Steven Palazzo, Mississippi District 4, presented Cpl. Polk with the Women's Army Corps Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button for her contributions.

WAC award presented to WCA veteran

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Congressman Steven Palazzo (R-MS) in coordination with the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby recently recognized Maybert Titus Polk, a Mississippi resident and one of the first women to officially serve in the military in World War II.

At a ceremony at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Palazzo presented Polk with the Women's Army Corps Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button.

"Mrs. Polk is a member of a pioneering group of Soldiers who

paved the way for generations of women in military service," Palazzo said. "Like so many women of that day, she stepped forward at a crucial time in our nation's history, and for that we honor her today."

A child of the Great Depression, Mrs. Polk enrolled at New York City College before joining the Army Air Corps in 1943. After six weeks of basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Polk began her service as a Radio Technician servicing P-38 and P-47 fighter planes. Although her military career formally ended when she was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1945, Polk spent many years as a military spouse to her husband, Reese. In 1955, the family moved to Reese's

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U.S. Army Photos by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, Camp Shelby Public Affairs
Congressman Steven Palazzo presents Cpl. Maybert Weir Titus Polk of Jefferson Davis County with the Women's Army Corps Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button.

YCP grad celebrates flight school completion

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Your life's journey can change in an instant. It only takes one spark of inspiration to invoke change and ambition on a person's journey. This spark of inspiration started for Warrant Officer 1 Daniel Boatman of Brandon during his time as a cadet with the Mississippi National Guard's Youth Challenge Program, Class XIII 2000.

Boatman was searching for his niche as a student at Northwest Rankin High School in his 9th and 10th grade years. He found acceptance and motivation as a cadet of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp in his high school. Through his affiliation with the JROTC, he learned about the YCP, known

today as the Youth Challenge Academy or YCA, program at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"When I heard about YCP, I knew it would be a good fit for me," said Boatman about his decision to join the Youth Challenge Academy.

Boatman explained that the opportunities given to him as a cadet at YCA showed him it was possible to set goals and accomplish them. As a cadet he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and had the chance to fly the Cessna 172 aircraft.

Boatman describes some of his fondest memories as a member of the Civil Air Patrol which included "Running all over Camp Shelby with Maj. Basinger in Rangers; participating in the Civil Air Patrol, and

getting to take the controls of a Cessna 172."

His early days participating in the Civil Air Patrol sparked a fire of motivation, interest and the will to succeed.

"Being allowed to participate in the Civil Air Patrol was my first introduction to the possibility of going to flight school," said Boatman.

He graduated from the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Flight School at Fort Rucker, Ala., on March 7. He has also earned an Associates Degree in Applied Science Avionics Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, February 2010; an Associates Degree in Applied Science Human Resource Management from the Community College



Courtesy Photo
Warrant Officer 1 Daniel Boatman of Brandon poses in front of a UH-60M Blackhawk helicopter.

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