

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR’S CORNER

March is busy month at CSJFTC

The month of March in the military is filled with history, accomplishments and advancement.

Worldwide, the U.S. Army is recognizing Women’s History and Traumatic Brain Injury awareness this month. We salute our sisters in arms, both past and present, as they have and continue to serve the nation fearlessly and with merit.

American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. We are proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their sacrifices.

Also, this month we recognize TBI Awareness. The Medical Task Force here has set up activities that will help educate you more on this matter. More than 130,000 Soldiers have sustained a TBI since 2000. TBI not only impacts mission integrity and force health protection, but also affects military Family members.

March 20 marked the 10-year anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. More than 100,000 U.S. forces sat alert and ready in the Kuwait desert waiting for the command of “charge.”

Through time, more than 1.5 million U.S. service members have deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Let’s not forget our



Cmd. Sgt. Maj Steven Chancellor

fallen comrades, both men and women, who have lived up to the Army Values and served faithfully. Also, in March 1931, Congress approved the “The Star Spangled Banner” as the official National Anthem.

The traffic and occupancy here on the installation is beginning to pick up. We welcome units that are here during their mobilization process. Stay focused and vigilant during your training as it might save your life or your buddy’s life.

We also welcome 1st Battalion the 181st Field Artillery Regiment, a Tennessee Army National Guard unit, who are here conducting their demobilization transition. We welcome you and salute you for your sacrifice and commitment. Job well done!

On March 8, we honored Maybert Polk, a Mississippi resident and a member of the

Women’s Army Corps during World War II.

Polk was presented the Women’s Army Corps Service Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the WWII Honorable Service Lapel Button during a ceremony at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. We recognized her for her dedication and contributions to the U.S. Armed Forces.

As we take on each day with new opportunities and challenges, always remember safety and preparedness. Senior NCOs, make sure you are properly filling out those Risk Assessments and taking care of your Soldiers. FM 6-22 defines leadership as influencing people by providing purpose, direction and motivation while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization. Make sure you are carrying out your obligation as an NCO.

This time of year it’s warming up a bit and I implore each Soldier and Family member to get out and enjoy this South Mississippi weather. There are plenty of Family trips that you can take at a low cost. Picnicking, fishing, boating and camping are just a few ideas.

May God continue to bless you, your Families and all our brothers and sisters in arms, wherever they may be.

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PERSONNEL PROFILE

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McCorvey serves as 158th IN BDE EOA

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Master Sgt. Maranda McCorvey serves as the Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor and the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention specialist for the 158th Infantry Brigade, headquartered at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

Her job is to provide guidance on all matters related to EO and sexual assault to the brigade commander and leaders to include interpreting regulations and informing them of any changes. In addition, she provides services for Soldiers, facilitates EO leader’s course and coordinates all monthly observances.

The native of Gautier has a total of 28 years of military service. She deployed overseas in support of Operations Desert Shield and mobilized as the 177th Equal Opportunity Advisor from 2007 to 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom before her current assignment.

She was the recipient of the 2009 United States Army Reserve Equal Opportunity Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award, the 2009 Dept. of Army EOA of the Year Award and the 2009 Merlin G. Pope Jr. Award. She was nominated for 2013 Joint Women’s Leadership Symposium Award.

McCorvey has many educational degrees. She earned an associate degree in liberal arts in 2005 from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa; an associate degree in applied psychology from Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Calif in 2006; a bachelor’s degree from Upper Iowa University in 2006; and a master’s degree in business administration and human resource management from Colorado Technical University in Colorado



Master Sgt. Maranda McCorvey

Springs in 2008. She is a graduate of Defense EO Management Institute and graduate of the Department of the Army SHARP course.

She is very active in the church and community. She attends Church on the Rock in Pascagoula. She is a member of the Jackson County Civic Action Board of Directors, Personnel Policy Planning and Human Rights Committee, Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity, DEOMI Community Outreach Volunteer and Quarter Century Committee, Mission MS Board of Directors, Our Daily Bread Board of Directors and Homeless and Poverty Committee. In addition she serves as a motivational speaking for community organizations.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading the Bible, exercising and traveling in the mission field. She has completed missionary work in Haiti and will soon be serving in Panama, Central America. Her ultimate goal is to travel to mission fields in Africa.

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