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Chief Warrant Officer 2 Zachary Bedwell is a federal technician employed by the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

He works in the quality control section as a surface maintenance mechanic inspector. Bedwell is responsible for inspecting engineer equipment, power generation equipment and tracked vehicles. He prescribes remedies and orders parts as needed to bring equipment back to standard. He directs inspected equipment to the appropriate maintenance section for repairs and verifies that all parts and maintenance actions have been performed accordingly.

In addition, Bedwell is an engineer equipment maintenance technician in Detachment 1, 3656th Maintenance Company, headquartered in Waynesboro.

He joined the Mississippi Army National Guard while a junior in high school.

“Quite simply, conversations with my father about American history galvanized my belief in the American Soldier. I wanted to be a part of that on-going history.”

He deployed to the Middle East twice

in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed with the 367th Maintenance Company from 2003 to 2004 and with the 1107th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, headquartered in Springfield, Mo., from 2005 to 2006.

In September 2012, he was named Warrent Officer of the Year for the State of Mississippi and awarded the Eagle Rising

Award at the 134th National Guard Association of the United States General Conference at the

Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev.

“My success in the military and or anything that I have attempted in my life has been a direct reflection of the devotion and support that my Family, friends and co-workers have provided,” Bedwell said. “For that I will always be thankful. I have served with, followed and led some of the best soldiers and have always enjoyed being a part of the military Family.”

He said he has no plans of retirement. “I plan on continuing until I can no longer complete the missions assigned and physical standards set forth by the United States military,” said Bedwell.

He resides in Hattiesburg with his wife, Janet. Together they enjoy attending church, traveling and movies. Bedwell’s hobbies include golf and hunting.

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Congrats to Best Warriors

Nearly two weeks ago, the Mississippi Army National Guard conducted its Best Warrior Competition at Camp McCain Training Center.

This year’s competition hosted 12 candidates from various units across the state. From Stress Shoot to the Army Physical Fitness Test, all 12 Soldiers performed outstandingly, but there can only be one winner. I would like to congratulate Staff Sgt. Brandon O. Tedford, Headquarters 154th Regional Training Institute, as the Best Warrior Competition NCO of the Year and Spc. Caleb A. Roberts, DET 1, 3656th Maintenance Company, as Soldier of the Year.

These two Soldiers did a superb job. They will advance and represent the MSARNG at the Regional Competition that will be held in South Carolina in April.

The month of March is here and with that comes early spring weather conditions. Spring weather conditions here in South Mississippi will start to warm up but it may bring some showers along with it. Sunny days, birds chirping and grass turning green may entice you get out and enjoy this beautiful southern weather. This is a great opportunity to take some time off and spend it with Family.

If you drive around the installation, you see there are numerous renovations going on now. From the gym renovations, new barracks complex and the renovations going on at the All Ranks



Cmdr. Sgt. Maj Steven Chancellor

Club, these projects are moving along well and should be completed shortly. Thanks to all the contractors and personnel who have done and are doing great works here as we improve our infrastructure at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

A special project is in construction at the Lake Walker cabin area. A handicapped accessible cabin is being constructed along the waterway. If you’re driving past the All Ranks Club, it’s visible from the roadway. Drive by there and take a look at it. I’m excited about this project.

The Mississippi National Guard NCO Association Conference will be April 19-21 at the Whispering Wood Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch. I am encouraging max participation this year to support our association. Remember, you receive benefits as a member of the association and it’s a great opportunity to meet, greet and network. To all my

senior NCO’s, please disseminate to all your Soldiers about the association and the event.

The month of March has been dedicated as National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month. Medical Task Force Shelby will host events and seminars throughout the month of March. I encourage you to participate and educate yourselves on TBI and who it can affect. TBI not only affect military personnel but it can also affect those who play sports such as high school football. So educate yourself and get screened.

The Education Center is still working hard to support the educational and career needs of the Camp Shelby community, and if you haven’t made your way over to visit with them yet, I encourage you to make time to do so.

Education is a vitally important part of your career progression, both in civilian and military life, so take full advantage of every benefit that you have earned. Education is a force multiplier, and helps us maintain our well-deserved reputation as the most highly trained and proficient Army in the world.

National Guard units have arrived here to start their mobilization process. Let’s continue to show them that we are the premiere mobilization station for mobilizing and demobilizing units.

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





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