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Hey, Soldier: Did you Know?

Practice GT exam

The Practice GT exam will be offered at the Camp Shelby Education Center on the following dates:

Feb. 26
March 12
March 26
Each exam begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

To register for the exam, contact the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 or via email at Hannah.c.traphagan@us.army.mil or john.junkins1@us.army.mil

Free NAMI classes

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mississippi is offering free classes for Family members, friends, and other caretakers of adults with mental illness (such as serious depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia). The free 12 session course is designed to help Family members understand and support their ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. Topics include: symptoms, treatments, strategies for handling crisis and relapses, coping skills, problem solving and more.

■ Hattiesburg: Tuesdays, March 5- May21, 6- 8:30 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 3117 W. 4th St

■ Jackson: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 19-April 25, 6- 8:30 pm, NAMI MS, 411 Briarwood Dr., Suite 401

■ Vicksburg: Mondays and Thursday, Feb 18-March 28, 6- 8:30 pm, Warren Yazoo MH Services, 3444 Wisconsin Ave

For more info and to register, call Ann Jensen at NAMI MS 601-899-9058 or 1-800-357-0388

New hours

■ The Camp Shelby AAFES Exchange is operating on a new weekend schedules. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Camp Shelby's Internet Café located on 26th Street, Bldg. 2614, is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. -4 p.m. The cafe is free to Soldiers.

Services support

This portal (Joint Services Support) and its program sub-portals, is designed to give you a "one stop shopping" location where you can get important information on a variety of programs that have been created to support you - <http://www.joint-servicesupport.org>



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs
Mississippi Youth Challenge cadets from Camp Shelby stack debris from the tornado on the curb for later pickup by the City of Hattiesburg.

YCP helps with tornado cleanup

BY STAFF SGT. KENNY HATTEN
CSJFTC Public Affairs

After a massive EF-4 tornado ripped through the Hattiesburg area Feb. 10, the Camp Shelby Youth Challenge Academy responded in less than 24 hours with disaster relief efforts, lending a helping hand to local citizens affected by the storm.

"I live in Oak Grove, and I was at home Sunday evening when the tornado hit," said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Rickey Hosey, program coordinator for the Mississippi Youth Challenge Academy. "I thank God it didn't damage my home, but it did hit my next-door neighbor's house, blowing his back porch away and knocking down several trees."

Hosey said his trip to work the next day gave him a better idea how severe and widespread the devastation was throughout the Hattiesburg area and provided him with a lot of motivation to find

ways to help.

"As I saw the damage all along my route to work the next morning, I knew we had to do something to help the community," said Hosey. "I started calling different organizations in the area like the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and found out that there was a meeting with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in Hattiesburg that morning."

Hosey informed the Hattiesburg area emergency and relief agencies that there were cadets available for community service and assistance as needed, and that they stood ready to help in any way.

"We got our first call right after lunch on Monday, less than 24 hours after the storm hit, and we sent cadets to Hattiesburg to assist an elderly lady whose home had been smashed by falling trees," said Hosey. "We went to work with power saws and bare hands, pulling out limbs and debris so that the interior of the house was accessible during the cleanup process."

Many residents of Duane Street and the surrounding area in Hattiesburg were very happy to have the cadets on hand to help with the cleanup efforts, and had lots of good things to say about the young volunteers.

"Anything we've asked them to do, they've done, and they've even volunteered to do things that we didn't even ask," said Kathy McCoy, a local resident. "I don't think very many of them even stopped to eat during all this, or if they did, they just grabbed something quick and ran back in to help. They've been working very hard."

As the extent of the damage became more widely known, calls continued to come in to the Youth Challenge Academy, asking for help, and there was no shortage of eager hands willing to

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Army transporters demobilizing at Camp Shelby

BY CAPT. DANIEL SMITH
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Soldiers of the 1184th Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion, Mobile Ala., and elements of the 455th Terminal Support Team, St. Louis. Mo., 334th Transportation Detachment, Panama City Fla., 530th Port Management Team, Kansas City Mo., and 541st Port Management Team, Manhattan Kan., arrived at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Feb 4. For approximately two weeks, unit members completed the demobilization process before returning home to their Families.

"This is an important effort, and we are committed to taking care of every Soldier as they transition back home," explained Maj. Gen. Kevin Wendel, First Army Division East commander.

First Army has the responsibility of overseeing the demobilization process for all re-deploying Reserve Component Soldiers. First Army Division East tailors the demobi-



U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs
Lt. Col. Shackelford and the 1184th command staff shook hands and presented Warrior Citizen awards to every Soldier of the unit as part of the welcome home ceremony at CSJFTC.