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By Staff Sgt. Michael Williams
CSJFTC Public Affairs

MULI PROMOTION AND TRANSFER...

At right, Bob Muli pins the insignia of rank for a sergeant first class onto the uniform of his son, newly-promoted Sgt. 1st Class Robert Muli during a promotion ceremony held at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center headquarters building Jan. 13. Muli said this was the first time his father had witnessed him being promoted in the National Guard.

For his attention to detail and "Soldiers First" attitude as Camp Shelby's Supply Sergeant NCOIC, Muli was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He will soon transition to the 154th Regional Training Institute Medical Battalion.

At top, Robert Muli poses with his father, Bob, and wife, Mary, after his promotion ceremony.



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Free tax services offered

By **CAPT. RAYMOND EDWARDS**
Chief, Legal Assistance

The Camp Shelby Office of the Command Judge Advocate will offer free income tax services for the 2012 tax year with the opening of its Income Tax Assistance Center on Monday, February 4, 2013. This service provides free personal income tax return preparation to all active duty personnel and retirees. Due to reduced staffing levels, priority will be given to mobilizing, demobilizing and CSJFTC Soldiers.

The Income Tax Assistance Center will operate out of the legal offices in Building 1485 on Lee Avenue and will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0900 to 1400. Due to the nature of the assistance, the Income Tax Assistance Center will operate on an "appointment-only" basis and will take appointments through April 11, 2013. The 2013 Federal Income Tax filing deadline is Monday, April 15, 2013.

The Income Tax Assistance Center is a satellite program of the IRS VITA program and is supervised by a judge advocate and staffed by military members and contract employees trained to the standards required by the IRS for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The VITA program is controlled by the IRS therefore the individual filing the return is legally responsible for the return's content and accuracy once the return is signed. If filing a married-filing-joint tax return electronically, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

VITA training includes instruction to address military-specific tax issues. However, tax assistance will be limited to the 2012 tax year and will not include preparation of certain tax schedules, e.g., Schedule E (rental property) and Schedule C (capital gains/losses).

Please dial 601-558-2190 to schedule an

appointment. Initial appointments will be scheduled for an hour and include a review of the client's tax information. Typically, tax returns are projected to require 3-5 business days of processing time to be finalized. To properly complete each tax return, the following items must be presented at the initial appointment:

- Proof of identity (e.g. driver's license, military ID)
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse, and all dependants
- Birth dates for you, your spouse, and all dependants
- Current year tax package if you received one
- Wage and earning statement(s) (Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1098, 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns if available
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit

NOTE: Military OneSource is once again offering a free, electronic tax filing service. If you are eligible under the Military OneSource program, you can complete, save, and file your 2011 federal and up to three state returns online free with the H&R Block At Home® tool.

To access this free version of H&R Block At Home®, you must start your return from the Military OneSource H&R Block At Home® link. Once you click the link you will be required to log in to Military OneSource. From the login page you will be directed to a site containing additional information on tax preparation, including the link to the Military OneSource free H&R Block At Home® service.

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