

FRONT & CENTER

Our Open House was a success....

A special thank you to all of the coordinators, participants and attendees who were a part of the Jan. 24 Camp Shelby Open House. The event highlighted the Combined Arms Collective training Facility and the fully automated Live Fire Shoot House grand opening. We also had an opportunity to welcome the Dismounted Soldier Training System to the Camp Shelby training arsenal.

Camp Shelby has undergone a multitude of improvements and initiatives since our current mission began in 2004, spearheading mobilization and demobilization operations in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

Even though our garrison map is constantly changing, our values have remained the same. The motto, "Soldiers First!" defines

our esprit de corps, professionalism and steadfast dedication to duty that ensures our mission success on a daily basis.

I am so proud to be a part of this professional team that ensures the very best training opportunities are available to all customers, ensuring the concepts of versatility, dependability and precision are key words to our daily mission training success.

Team, continue the task of preparing service members for their mobilization missions as we welcome the 353rd Civil Affairs Detachment 29, U.S. Army Reserve from New York; the United States Army Reserve Command Detachment 17, North Carolina; 7212 Medical Support Detachment 89, U.S. Army Reserve from Minnesota and the 116th Field Artillery Battalion (HIMARS),

Florida Army National Guard.

This month we will welcome home members of the 1184th Deployment Distribution Support Battalion, Mobile, Ala.; 669th Engineer Team, Florida Army National Guard and the 265th Combat Support Headquarters Regional Support Group, Georgia Army National Guard. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen for your continued support and sacrifice during your deployment to a grateful nation.

Annual Training is here again for some of your comrades. Welcome back to Camp Shelby the 859th Vertical Engineer Company, Mississippi Army National Guard; 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Ohio Army National Guard and the 1084th Transportation Company, Louisiana Army National Guard.

These are just a few of the units that will be passing through our gates as they train and prepare for their upcoming missions supporting Overseas Contingency Operations.

As we embark on new challenges and opportunities, always remember safety and mission preparedness. Preventative maintenance checks and services are a must to ensure equipment is ready and in good working order. Set a positive standard by ensuring PMCS practices are in place and held to standard.

Thanks, team, for your continued hard work and steadfast attitude for success. God Bless you, your Families and the United States of America!



Col. Brad Smith

SOLDIERS FIRST!

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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-May 21, 6- 8:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
3117 W. 4th St.
 - Jackson
Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 19-April 25, 6- 8:30 p.m.
NAMI MS
411 Briarwood Dr., Suite 401
 - Vicksburg
Mondays and Thursday, Feb 18-March 28, 6-8:30 p.m.
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

Joint Services Support

This portal, 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.jointservicesupport.org>

Military One Source

Whether its help with child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information, or resources needed for special circumstances, Military OneSource is there for military personnel and their Families... 24/7/365! <https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>

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, you'll find what you need! -

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

Turbo Tap

This is Department of Defense's official website providing information for service members on transitioning from military service. This site is also supported by the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs. TurboTAP.org is intended to supplement the services offered by the Transition Assistance Offices and other groups. - <http://www.turbotap.org>

VWIP program

VETERANS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Oak Arbor, a division of Pine Belt Mental Health, has received a VWIP grant and is partnering with Pearl River Community College Workforce Development to provide services focused on enhancing the employability of eligible veterans within the Perry, Lamar and Forrest County areas. The programs will be Pipefitting, Commercial Truck Driving, EMT, Electrical and Welding. Additional training will be offered in Forklift training and Microsoft applications. Those completing the respective program will also get a Career Readiness Certificate. ACT scores are not required; only high school or GED. CDL training doesn't require high school or GED. EMT, CDL and Welding will be in Hattiesburg. Pipefitting will be in Poplarville. The program will pay for tuition and supplies. The point of contact at Oak Arbor is Latibiyatta McLendon, at tbuckhalter@oak-arbor.com or 601545.2925; at Pearl River CC POC is Deborah Hewitt at dhe-witt@prcc.edu or 601.554.5503. For more information, contact John Junkins at john.junkins1@us.army.mil

ATM machine...

The Billeting Office at Bldg 6606 no longer has an ATM machine, but ATM machines are still available at the Exchange, Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union and the All Ranks Club.

AARTS Transition

The Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) is in the process of transitioning to the Joint Services Transcript (JST). The JST will produce a FREE uniformed transcript of all military training and experiences to Service members from all branches. The new electronic transcripts will include Enlisted, Warrant Officer and Officer training, joint military training, and DANTES-funded standardized test scores. The transition to JST is expected to be completed by January 1, 2013. During the

transition, the process of requesting an AARTS transcript via GoArmyEd or the AARTS website will not change. The AARTS Team will continue to provide updates on the progress of transition. For More information contact john.junkins1@us.army.mil or call 601- 558-2029.

Veteran status

Mississippi Senate Bill 2461 was passed and signed by the governor during the 2012 Legislative Session. The bill amends Sections 63-1-35 and 45-35-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide a "Vet" designation on driver's licenses and identification cards for eligible Veterans.

For assistance, veterans may contact the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board at 601-576-4850 or toll free at 877-203-5632, or contact their local County Veterans Service Officer. Veterans are encouraged to visit the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board web-site at www.vab.ms.gov

Community Support Spec.

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources, a behavioral healthcare company with more than 500 employees and over 40 facilities in South Mississippi, has an immediate opening for a full-time Community Support Specialist position. This position will serve Southern Mississippi from the City of Jackson, south to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Veterans families from the PBMHR service area (Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry, and Wayne Counties) will be primarily targeted; however, referrals from other counties will be included.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.pbmhr.com to apply for the open positions. Open positions can be found under the "Employment Opportunities" tab. Applicants may also apply in person at the following address:

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources
Human Resources
4100 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg 39402
Telephone: (601) 264-2111

National Park passes

Free 12-month passes to national parks are available for active military and their dependents at the Wiggins Forest Service Office.

The passes allow free entrance to National Parks, Fish and Wildlife Refuges, and waiver of standard amenity fees at Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service sites.

For more information, contact USFS Mili-

tary Liaison Lisa Yager at the DeSoto Ranger District 601-528-6185 or email her at lyager@-fs.fed.us

Enlisted Education

The Enlisted Education Program (EEP) provides an opportunity for entry-level Soldiers in Combat Arms MOSs in Career Management Fields (CMFs) 11 Infantry, 13 Field Artillery, 14 Air Defense Artillery, and 19 Armor to obtain an associate degree during their first term of enlistment. A list of participating colleges offering degrees through EEP is available at the Education Center. For more information, call 601-558-2029 or contact john.junkins1@us.army.mil

Change to benefits

Beginning Aug. 1, 2013, all Soldiers who transfer education benefits to Family members will incur a four-year additional service obligation! This is regardless of their total service time or if they are eligible for retirement. Currently, Soldiers may qualify for 0, 1, 2 and 3 year additional service obligation based on their total service but on or after Aug. 1, 2013, these will expire and all soldiers will incur a four-year obligation. Soldiers who are considering transferring benefits should contact the Veterans Administration or Education Center to obtain the facts as soon as possible!

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