

REVELLE

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Hey, Soldier:
Did you Know?

VWIP 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 601.545.2925; 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.

New cafe hours...

The Camp Shelby Internet Café located on 26th Street, Bldg. 2614, is now open Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The café is free to the Soldiers.

PRCC driver courses

Pearl River Community College is offering commercial truck driver training courses at the Poplarville Campus. The classes are open enrollment outside of the regular semester schedule, so students can sign up and begin classes at any time. For more information, contact the PRCC Career-Technical Office at 601-403-1241 or 601-403-1101.

Weekend hours...

The Camp Shelby AAFES Exchange will be operating on a new weekend schedule starting Dec. 5, and the hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

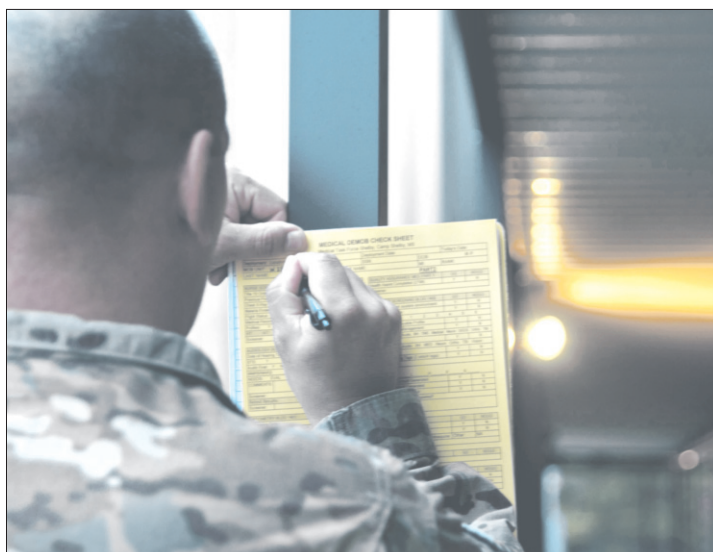
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1,700 Soldiers home for holidays



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Karen Sampson

Above, leadership of 27th Stability Transition Team, 174th NY STT at the Demobilization Operations Sight at Camp Shelby attend a medical briefing Dec. 4. The 174th STT NY are returning from a nine month deployment to Afghanistan. At right, a 27th IBCT Soldier completes the medical requirements of the demobilization process.



"Our deployment was abundantly successful because we did what we get paid to do – with honor and selfless sacrifice – and succeeded in every mission we were assigned... Our team rose to the demands placed ..."

–Col. Geoffrey Slack
27th Infantry BCT commander

SPC. KAREN SAMPSON
177th Armored Brigade PA

More than 1,700 Reserve Component Soldiers made it home for the holidays, thanks to the individually-focused demobilization process at Camp Shelby.

In early December, First Army Division East Soldiers assigned to the 177th Armored Brigade worked hand-in-hand with Camp Shelby staff to process the New York and South Carolina National Guard Soldiers redeploying from Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Preparation before they even began redeploying played a large role in ensuring Soldiers arrived home for the holidays. However, leaders at all levels agreed nothing would interfere with the demobilization process.

Before leaving theater, Col. Geoffrey Slack, the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team commander, stressed the importance of the process to Soldiers and their Families, asking them to slow down and take full advantage of the individually based demobilization process.

"Take the time to demobilize, attend to every detail, ask every question, research every resource and save everything," Slack encouraged his Soldiers.

First Army has the responsibility of overseeing the demobilization process for all redeploying Reserve Component Soldiers. While getting Soldiers home for the holidays was a goal, it wasn't the primary one, explained Maj. Gen. Kevin Wendel, First Army Division East commander. "They have done a tremendous job downrange; they deserve every opportunity to receive the benefits they have so honorably earned."

"The whole point is to get every individual Soldier reset into the Army Force Generation program," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Johnson, 177th's Demobilization Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. "This process resets Soldiers for future mission as-

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Credit Union gives back

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When it comes to giving back, the Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union, members and staff are among the most generous.

The Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union Board of Directors donated \$769 to the Mississippi National Guard Family Foundation in order to assist the state's youth programs.

"It's so rewarding and I feel honored to accept this from them," said Jan Reeves, state youth coordinator. "This is from their hearts and I know they mean well."

The funding will benefit the Mississippi Guard Summer Youth Camp, also known as "Kids AT." The purpose of Kids AT is providing a unique camp for Mississippi National Guard youth and to help them understand why their parents

serve in the National Guard.

"The money will help our youth program and increase our funds," said Reeves. "This will allow us to do activities throughout the year and it helps us buy supplies, fund annual retreats, symposiums and other activities we put on throughout the year."

The credit union, which moved into a new location nearly two years ago, is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution that strives to serve its members' needs by encouraging savings and offering a reasonable rate of return.

To help the state Youth Challenge program, the credit union held a special promotion to assist members with loans payments and used 10 percent of the proceeds for the donation.

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U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Williams, CSJFTC Public Affairs
Jan Reeves, state youth coordinator, accepts a donated check of \$769 from Sgt. Maj. Bobby Patrick, Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. The money will benefit the state youth program such as Kids AT.