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Volunteers from the 177th Armored Brigade and 158th Infantry Brigade Soldiers performed a lively reenactment at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Jan. 17 at the post theatre. The reenactment highlighted some events of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech that took place in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963.

Soldiers celebrate Dr. King

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The 158th Infantry Brigade and 177th Armored Brigade held the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration ceremony on Jan. 17 at the post theatre.

Master Sgt. Maranda McCorvey organized the event that was attended by about 300 Soldiers. After McCorvey gave the opening address, volunteers from the 177th Armored Brigade and 158th Infantry Brigade Soldiers performed a lively reenactment of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech that took place in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., an organization that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. himself formed, lit candles for a vigil in his honor. Singer Lakelia Underwood and piano accompanist Rick Hightower performed a freedom hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

Senior Pastor Rodger Bradley of Church on the Rock in Pascagoula gave the keynote address. He said his calling into the ministry was highly inspired by the legacy of Dr. King.

"Over 26 years ago, I had a dream although it was not as bold as Dr. King's. All I could dream of was a church where all races were treated equal, a place where all skin colors and denominations would come together as brothers and sisters in Christ," he said.

His church is now exactly that. He closed his address by expressing gratitude to service members.

"To the military men and women, thank you



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Master Sgt. Maranda McCorvey, 158th Infantry Brigade's Equal Opportunity NCOIC, presents a certificate of appreciation and plaque to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration's keynote speaker, Senior Pastor Roger Bradley of Church on the Rock in Pascagoula Jan. 17 at the post theatre.

for fighting for what is right and thank you for defending our freedom so we can still keep fighting for the dream," said Bradley.

"Let's move forward from now forward and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by making every day Martin Luther King Day," said Col. Christopher S. Forbes, Commander of the 158th Infantry Brigade. "We honor him by how we act every day; every day in how we work together as Americans."

Your 30-second commercial

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If you were fortunate enough to get into an elevator with a hiring official, could you successfully market yourself in the few seconds it takes for the ride up? If not, you need to prepare a commercial about yourself so you can do just that. Hiring officials are normally busy people with very little time to devote to interviewing people for jobs. They don't want to be bored with long winded speeches about your life. They want to know quickly what you can do for their company's bottom line. Also, this will most likely be your first impression on the hiring official. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. However, whether or not you are fortunate enough to get into an elevator with the hiring official, there are other times a 30-second commercial will come in handy for you in the job search process.

When you go for a job interview, many times the interviewer will begin by asking you to relax and tell him or her about your-



self. Because you have done the necessary research on the company and have tailored your 30-second commercial to the company, you can use it here. However, if you haven't done the research and don't have a commercial, you could reveal more personal information than what you intended. For instance, it's not lawful for an employer to ask you certain questions, such as your marital status, number of children, etc., but given the opportunity to respond to the question, you may reveal that information voluntarily without even realizing it. If so, it could play a part in the interviewer not selecting you for the job.

Another time a 30-second commercial could benefit you is when you are networking. Networking is telling everyone you meet that you are looking for a job, and asking them for their help in finding one. Statistically speaking, this is the way most people find a job. A 30-second commercial is a succinct way to introduce yourself and at the same time market your abilities and experience. Not everyone is an extravert; therefore, an introduction to a new person can be awkward. But if you are armed with a 30-second commercial you can use it effectively on everyone.

Job Fairs or Career Expos are excellent

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