

Best Warrior

32 Soldiers compete

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The Mississippi National Guard's 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team held its Best Warrior Competition at the Camp McCain Training Site near Grenada.

During a three-day period, 32 soldiers from throughout the MSARNG were challenged by an Army physical fitness test, land navigation course, combatives (hand-to-hand combat), six-mile road march with 30-pound ruck-

sack, individual weapon qualification, confidence course, written test and an interview panel composed of brigade command sergeants major.

First place and runner-up winners in the Soldier of the Year and Non-Commissioned Officer of the year categories from each major command will compete in the Mississippi Army National Guard's Best Warrior Competition to be held Feb. 18-22at the Camp McCain Training Site.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas L. Guess navigates a water hazard as part of a timed confidence course during the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's Best Warrior competition.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas L. Guess, bottom, and Staff Sgt. Brandon O. Tedford, Columbus, both of the Camp Shelby-based 154th Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard, grapple while in combatives during the 155 BCT's Best Warrior competition.



Photos by Capt. Andy Thaggard, 155th Armored BCT Sgt. 1st Class Thomas L. Guess, Jackson, of the Camp Shelby-based 154th Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard, reaches the summit of the final hill during the road march portion the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's Best Warrior competition, recently held at Camp McCain.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas L. Guess, above right, lifts Spc. Charles Todd, a member of the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group. Below, Guess, top, tried to pin Todd.



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