

# Wright’s unit blessed with Christmas gifts from VFW group

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Capt. Tamiko Wright is a Federal Technician at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. She serves as the supervisor of Production Control and is responsible for overseeing the flow of approximately 1,500 work requests on various types of military equipment and weapon systems. She has many additional roles to include Anti-Terrorism Officer, Assistant Safety Officer, Hazardous Waste Management Coordinator, Sexual Harassment Officer, Assistant Operating Manager and SAMS-1E Training Officer.

The Vicksburg native is also the Company Commander of the 1387th Quarter Master Water Supply Company headquartered in Greenville. In early December, Wright received a call from Marquita Hill, vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #5397. She informed Wright that her unit would be honored with Christmas gifts. Hill, along with Cornell Nelson, initiated a Christmas gift drive for the St. James

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Wright VFW Post #5397 and the Women’s Auxiliary in Hattiesburg. They collected more than 2,500 gifts to bring Christmas cheer to the Soldiers and Family members of the 1387th Quarter Master Water Supply Company. The gifts were collected and transported from the VFW to the unit’s armory in Greenville Dec. 19 where Soldiers and their Family members received them.

“The event was extremely overwhelming and very fulfilling,” said Wright. “There was a huge turnout of Soldiers and Family members and we all walked away with smiles on their faces.”

Wright believes her Soldiers were very deserving of the gifts. Every year during the Christmas season, the unit visits local senior homes in Greenville to spend time with their residents. The unit also participates in an annual “Back to School Drive” in Greenville, in which Wright initiated. It is an

event in which the Soldiers collect various school supplies and distribute them to the less fortunate in hopes the supplies will set them up for success.

“As a Leader, I always push the importance on my Soldiers of giving back to the community, so to have someone do something for them was awesome and they were greatly appreciative,” she said. “As their commander, it warmed my heart to be blessed and to see the community give back to my Soldiers that do so much for me and the unit throughout the year.”

Wright currently has more than 12 years of service in the Mississippi Army National Guard. She served in deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom to Kuwait. Before taking command of the 1387th Quarter Master Water Supply Company, she served as platoon leader and the executive officer for Detachment One, 367th Maintenance Company, headquartered in DeKalb.



Submitted Photos  
Capt. Tamiko Wright poses with Marquita Hill, vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #5397, in front of a truck that delivered Soldiers and their Families to the unit’s armory in Greenville Dec. 19.

She attended Officer Candidate School in 2007 at the 154th Regional Training Institute. Upon her graduation, she was named an Outstanding Graduate for excellence in academics and leadership, the Erickson and the Adjutant General Award.

Wright earned a bachelor’s de-

gree in Kinesiotherapy from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master’s degree in Human Resource Management from Columbia Southern University online based in Orange Beach, Ala.

She is married to Larry D. Wright and they have two daughters, Amari, 7 and Lorrie, 2.



**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE...** Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Soldiers, above, prepare to enjoy themselves with foods and hors d’oeuvres that were displayed during Camp Shelby Christmas Open House gathering Dec. 18. At left, Maj. William Lowery, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Directorate of Public Works, enjoys some spinach dip.

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