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with family members received the VIP treatment from CSJFTC command and staff on Sept. 22.

Robbins saved a young girl from drowning in a pool of a Motel Six located in Gulfport this past August during a family vacation.

OCTOBER

■ Jacob B. Scott of Pascagoula was awarded the Purple Heart award at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Hattiesburg on Oct. 15 for injuries sustained in Iraq during his active military service in 2003 as a Specialist in the U.S. Army.

Scott served his country as a member of Bravo Company, 890th Engineer Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard during Operation Iraqi freedom as a M249 SAW Gunner on the unit's Quick Reaction Force (QRF).

■ The month of October kicked off the Southern Mississippi Combined Federal Campaign for this year.

■ Brett Favre, Mississippi native and retired NFL quarterback, visited soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Oct. 25.

Favre made the surprise visit in support of Task



Spec. Kipp M. Young of Echo Company, 237th Brigade Support Battalion, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team out of Lima, Ohio, advances over a wall during Individual Movement Techniques training at the Camp Shelby on Sept. 19. Photo by Spec. Kimberly Lamb, Ohio National Guard Public Affairs.

Force Roc, Ohio Army National Guard, as they continue their mobilization training before deploying in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

NOVEMBER

■ In honor of Veterans Day and Military Appreciation Day at the University of Southern Mississippi, Toyota of Hattiesburg and the USM Athletics department passed out more than 1,000 free tickets to the USM verses the University of Central Florida football game at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Nov. 8.

■ Hundreds gathered in downtown Hattiesburg to

observe the 29th annual Veterans Day Service at Veterans Memorial Park on Nov. 11.

Welcomed by Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree and Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Installation Commander Col. Steve Parham, spectators cheered as local high schools, civic organizations, veterans groups and the University of Southern Mississippi's Pride of Southern Mississippi marching band paraded down Hardy Street to honor America's military men and women, past and present.

"It's overwhelming to see such a large crowd come out to celebrate this wonderful day in support of our veterans," said Parham.

■ Elements of the Mississippi National Guard's 1-204th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, headquartered in Newton, Miss., were welcomed home recently to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

"We're releasing approximately 70 Soldiers today in coordination with the Camp Shelby Mobilization Operations Center, so that we can send them home with their Families in time for Thanksgiving," said Chaplain (Maj.) Madison Kelly. "Our guys have travelled a long way in the last 18 hours, and we really appreciate the support we received from the Camp Shelby MOC in making this happen."

■ The U. S. Army Reserve's 380th Engineer Support Company headquartered in Greenville, Miss., returned home Nov. 28. They arrived at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center to be welcomed by Brig. Gen. Douglas R. Satterfield, Deputy Commander, 412th Theater Engineer Command, Family and friends.

The unit deployed to Iraq earlier this year in support of Operation New Dawn, where they supported the mission of United States Forces in Iraq by maintaining and supporting Iraqi transportation infrastructure and providing horizontal engineer support to coal-

tion contingency out bases, or COBs, through the construction of defensive positions and public works facilities.

■ The official ribbon cutting event to commemorate the grand opening of the new Minuteman Building was held at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Nov. 18.

The building is designed to achieve a U.S. Green Building Council or USGBC LEED Silver rating with a variety of "green" amenities to include electric vehicle charging stations in the barracks parking lot, energy efficient fixtures and recycling availability.

Additional amenities include private rooms, pri-

vate bath, TV in room, laundry room, dayroom, handicap accessibility, elevator and coming soon, internet capability.

"It is a beautiful morning to share this dedication and official opening of this new high rise building," said Col. Steve Parham, CSJFTC Post Commander.

This project was originally commissioned in response to the tornado of March 2008 where four barracks buildings, one general officer quarters building and a battalion supply building were destroyed by the storm. Construction began in 2008 and was completed this past August by Hanco Corporation, located in Hattiesburg.

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