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The one thing constant in life is change...

An Army mentor once told me, 'the one thing constant in life is change.' That statement has come true once again at the gates of Camp Shelby with the implementation of the 1095 Rule.

As most of you are aware by now, the Department of the Army directive requires First Army and Camp Shelby to reduce the number of CO-ADOS Soldiers in its command by 30 percent per year for FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014, with most tours ending at the beginning of FY 2015. Hence, First Army will likely have less than 1,400 CO-ADOS Soldiers serving in the command by Oct. 1, 2012. As a result in this directed reduction, Camp Shelby will begin the process of reduction by attrition of approximately 160

CO-ADOS job positions. The 1095 Rule affects approximately 170 Soldiers between now and June 3, 2013, at Camp Shelby which exceeds the 30 percent reduction rate mandated by The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA).

People are the U.S. Army's most valuable asset. Headquarters Department of the Army, National Guard Bureau and Camp Shelby leadership are committed to the well-being of each Guard member and their Family.

In response to the implementation of the 1095 Rule, I would like to highlight a few resources offered by the Mississippi National Guard and Camp Shelby to assist Soldiers and their Family members during times of transition.

The National Guard offers diverse programs to assist their Soldiers and Airmen with employment opportunities and other programs to assist their Families throughout the deployment cycle and upon the completion of a mobilization. These programs include the Job Connection Education Program, the Guard Apprenticeship Program, the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, the Strong Bonds Program and the Hero 2 Hired Program recently implemented at Camp Shelby and located at the Internet Café, Building 2614.

I encourage you to embrace opportunities that arise and use this transition period as a stepping stone to continue your professional development and leadership

skills. This transition will bring challenges for many sections and directorates as personnel are transitioned to alternate positions to fill a void created by the 1095 Rule and personnel vacancies. I ask that you stay vigilant during this time of change.

I appreciate your patience and cooperation as we maneuver through this change in our ranks. The Guard is Family and I am here along with the entire command team to assist with any questions and available resources to ease the burden of this transition.

May God bless you, your Families, and this great country that we are so lucky to have the honor to serve.

"SOLDIERS FIRST"!



Col. Brad Smith

SOLDIER

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Vote for Miss. Mississippi USA

Miss Mississippi USA Myverick Garcia recently visited CSJFTC, and you can vote for her on the Miss Universe website!

Go to <http://www.missuniverse.com/missusa>, click on her picture vote button, enter your information, the security letters/numbers, check the box for over 13 and then submit your vote. Voting continues every day until June 2. Thanks for your time and efforts.

Practice GT tests

There will be two scheduled practice GT sessions at 8:30 a.m. May 8 and 22. A space may be reserved for either session by emailing Sandra.j.henderson@us.army.mil or john.junkins1@us.army.mil. Practice GT exams are designed to provide information for Soldiers to determine if they are ready to take the Official ASVAB or if further review is recommended.

Hockey season tickets

The Mississippi Surge Hockey Team's 2012-2013 season tickets are now on sale. Military personnel must have valid I.D. to receive the full season military rate of \$289/\$349. Children's rates and half-season plans are also available. For more information, contact 228-287-7825.

Book donations needed

The Camp Shelby Education Center is currently accepting donations of academic related books and materials. Please look around your homes and bring those unused and no longer needed books and materials to us at Bldg. 1813. All donated materials will be available for the use of Soldiers and their Family members. Help us to help Soldiers! Contact john.junkins1@us.army.mil. Or Sandra.j.henderson@us.army.mil or phone at 601-558-2029.

GRE General

Soldiers required to take the GRE General as a prerequisite for graduate school may be eligible for a "One Time" reimbursement for the cost of taking the exam. For more information, contact John Junkins or Sandy Henderson at the Education Center in Bldg. 1813 or call 601-558-2029. Soldiers may also contact the Education Center via email at: John.junkins1@us.army.mil or Sandra.j.henderson@us.army.mil

TAP workshops available

The Veterans Administration has scheduled

several Transition Assistance Program employment workshops at CSJFTC, which will be conducted in Rooms 227-228 of Bldg. 1001. The workshops are scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 to 10 a.m. Friday on May 22-28, Aug. 28-31 and Nov. 27-30. For more information, go to <http://ms.ng.mil/aboutus/installations/shelby/reveille/Pages/default.aspx>.

CSJFTC Troop Store

Now accepting online applications for retail positions at the Camp Shelby Troop Store. Prospective applicants should have a friendly disposition and be able to work flexible hours. Apply online at www.aafes.com. Background check is required. AAFES is an EOE employer.

Meridian Marathon, Half

Ever wanted to run in a marathon or half-marathon? Here's your chance! The Meridian Marathon and Half-Marathon, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association and other local Meridian charities, is scheduled for Nov. 3. Registration and additional information about the event can be found at www.leoruntoremember.org or by contacting Lt. Col. Tommy King at 601-679-3228 or cell 601-917-7181.

Military discounts

■ The Louisiana Sisters Café is offering a 20 percent military discount which includes civilian personnel with valid Department of the Army IDs working at CSJFTC. The café is located across Hwy 49 from the South Gate, and is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also feature free delivery. For more information, call 601-543-0779.

■ Pink's Presents located inside The Secret Gallery gift store at Newpointe Shopping Center (Oak Grove) is offering a 20 percent military discount on the purchase of "Survival Straps" bracelets. Proceeds benefit The Wounded Warrior Project. Call Susan Cucullu at 601-264-1322 or go to www.survivalstraps.com.

■ Old Navy - Every Monday Old Navy Clothing Store offers a 10 percent military discount to military members with a valid I.D.

■ Lowe's Home Improvement- Lowes offers a 10 percent military discount every day to uniformed service members.

Talk About It

Members of the Mississippi National Guard have a new way to ask for help with the implementation of a new program that will allow Service members and their Families to ask for help anonymously via text message. The Mississippi National Guard "Talk

About It" program will give those experiencing personal issues the opportunity to reach out for help anonymously. Service members and their Families can connect to trained National Guard personnel instantly by visiting <https://login.ancomm.com/msnationalguard>

Once an account is created online, you can text 'Help' to 662-801-0242 to communicate anonymously via text message. This new program was put into effect on March 1, and posters with more information about the program are set to be distributed to all Mississippi National Guard armories and wings.

CLEP testing program moves

The CLEP testing program has been moved to college testing sites and is no longer available at Army Education Centers. The CLEP is available at USM and William Carey Testing Sites. Telephone number for USM is 601-266-6123; number for William Carey is 601-318-6188. There is a \$20 registration fee for Soldiers and \$105 for civilians. Scores are available the same day of testing.

DANTES exams

DANTES college credit exams are still available at Camp Shelby Education Center. There are 11 DANTES college credit exams available and an email list is available by contacting John Junkins at john.junkins1@us.army.mil or Sandy Henderson at sandy.j.henderson@us.army.mil

GoArmyEd registration

Soldiers using GoArmyEd to register for classes and request tuition assistance may register up to 8 weeks prior to the start date of classes. Early GoArmyEd registration is encouraged due to the large number of Soldiers requesting Tuition Assistance. Soldiers attending Non-LOI schools are reminded to upload class cost verification in their efile. For direct assistance visit the education center in building 1813 or contact John Junkins or Sandy Henderson at: john.junkins1@us.army.mil or sandy.j.henderson@us.army.mil

CSJFTC Federal Credit Union

The Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union is now open for business in new location at Warehouse Ave., bldg 82. Hours of operation Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., drive thru opens at 8 a.m. Call 601-544-5421 or 601-558-2599 for more information.

ASVAG GT exams

ASVAB General Technical (GT) Practice-Practice GT exams are available at the education center. Appointment required. The GT score is one of the most important line scores computed from a Soldier's results on the ASVAB test. For more information contact

John Junkins at john.junkins1@us.army.mil or 601-558-2029.

All Ranks Club

Currently undergoing renovations. Business hours are still the same, but parking is limited.

Chapel Service

Noon Day at the Chapel on CSJFTC Wednesdays 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "An opportunity for encouraging one another in Praise and Worship". For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Terry Partin at 601-558-2378.

Poster Ideas

If you have ideas for a new suicide poster or video please put your idea on paper and send it to us or either drop by and present it to us. We are located in building 1813 or contact us at:

Lt. Col. Constance Essex 601-558-2538 constance.essex@us.army.mil

Staff Sgt. Jean Whaley 601-558-2538 jean.whaley@us.army.mil

College classes

In a continuing effort to provide education programs and services that best meet CSJFTC customer needs, education services would be very interested in input from the CSJFTC community regarding College classes being held on Camp Shelby. If interested in attending college classes during non-duty hours (evening), contact John Junkins at john.junkins1@us.army.mil

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