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A look back....



Louisiana. The established date for the school dates back to 1913 and its lineage dates back to 1845, when it was an all boys' school.

Nearly 100 Soldiers from the 177th Armor Brigade volunteered to do the repairs while the students were home for Thanksgiving break.

Soldiers and personnel from the 2-305th Infantry Battalion and 3-349th Infantry Logistical Support Battalion (LSB) decided to take action to assist with the project.

Restoration of the school is necessary due to the fact that it is still in use and needed to be a safe learning environment for the students.

During a five-day period, Soldiers from the battalions repaired drywall, scraped paint off the walls, taped up areas in preparation for painting and painted up to three coats in hallways, bathrooms and more than 400 student lockers on the second floor of the school.

Habitat for Humanity, Hattiesburg, Miss., donated supplies of paint, paint scrapers and various paint brushes to help out with the project. The 2-305th also took up monetary donations within the battalion to get additional supplies needed for painting and paint removal.

NPDB OC spray training

Dec. 13, 2007

"It's no joke" said Petty Officer Eddy Smith. "It's the worse feeling that I have ever felt."

Smith, a Sailor with the Navy NPDB (Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion), prepared himself for the agony of burning eyes, loss of vision and the constant burning sensation that comes along with the reaction of being pepper sprayed.

Smith stood in line as the Observer Controller (OC) sprayed pepper spray directly into his eyes in which he was then directed to move from station to station where he had to defend himself.

The Sailors of the Navy NPDB are put through this train-

ing so that they can be prepared to perform their duties while in Iraq helping with the fight on terrorism.

While in Iraq, the Sailors' job will be to assist and train the Iraqi Soldiers. They will be performing a detainee operation helping the Iraqi Soldiers detain prisoners. This type of training will only help the Sailors.

"This training is different" said Smith. "Most Sailors will never get this type of training."

Native American Heritage Month observed

Dec. 13, 2007

The month of November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month. This is an opportunity for all Americans to learn about the history, culture, tradition and contribution that the American Indians provided to our country.

Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) recently honored the first people who officially called this land home, American Indian men and women. CSJFTC's Equal Opportunity Office, under the leadership of Capt. Ronnie Thompson, sponsored the event. That office is under the leadership of Capt. Ronnie Thompson, Camp Shelby Equal Opportunity officer. He is a descendent of the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana.

Thousands of Native Americans have served in the military; some were not even considered to be U.S. citizens. However, programs like these given by CSJFTC help make Native Americans who have served in the Armed Forces know that the military is thankful for their contribution, courage, determination and fighting spirit.

First Army gets new commander

Jan. 10, 2008

Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré will relinquish command of First Army to Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller Jan. 11 at Hedekin Field, Fort McPherson, Ga., in a ceremony hosted by Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command. Honoré has commanded First Army since July 2004.

Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller, incoming First Army commander, is currently the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-3/5/7, responsible for operations, plans and training for all U.S. Army conventional forces, both active and reserve, in the Continental United States.

Prior to becoming the FORSCOM DCS G-3/5/7, Miller served in Iraq as the director of Operations, C-3, Combined Joint Task Force-7, and then later as the director of Strategic Operations, C-3, Multi-National Force-Iraq. In 2002, Miller served as the Deputy Commanding General of First Army.

As the FORSCOM DCS G-3/5/7, Miller has been heavily engaged in the transformation of the Army into a more agile, modular force and improving its readiness through the Army Force Generation process. In recent months, he has played a key role in the design of a new Army initiative that would transition the Army Reserve and National Guard from a strategic reserve to an operational force that is available for mobilization and employment on a recurrent, cyclical basis.

Currently, First Army is responsible for the training, mobilization and deployment of all Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve Soldiers in the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Miller earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Southern Mississippi in Personnel Management/Administration.

Jim Hill Concert Choir provides music

Jan. 10, 2008

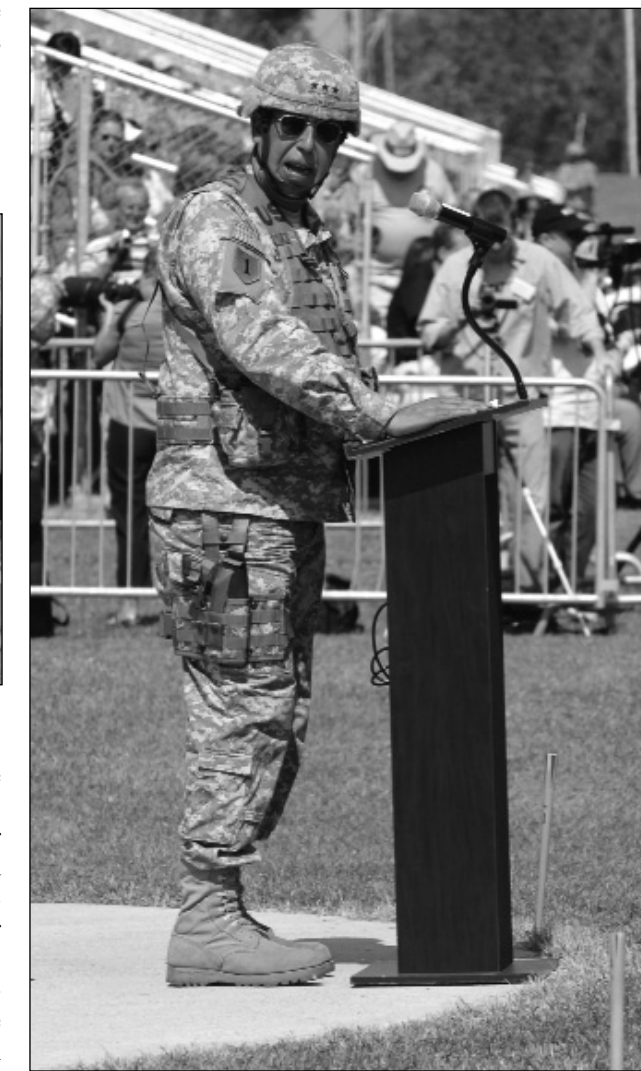
No heavy rain, tornado watches or even car accidents, due to bad weather, could stop the Jim Hill Concert Choir from performing their third annual Christmas concert at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC).

The choir is directed by James H. Hawkins who has more than 30 years of directing experience and 16 years teaching at Jim Hill in Jackson. The choir is composed of 125 singers from the ninth through twelfth grades.

The one-hour concert was performed entirely a cappella and proved even more why this award-winning high school choir has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York, and also perform in countries such as Italy, Great Britain, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Jim Hill is not a one dimensional choir and is known for showing diversity when it comes to their music. During the concert Soldiers listened to traditional holiday tunes such as "Deck the Halls," "Silent Night," the Nat King Cole classic "The Christmas Song" and an African-American spiritual, "So Wonderful."

The choir has earned a reputation as one of the best high school choirs in the U.S. The choir performed at Camp Shelby Post Theater and left many Soldiers in the audience with smiles, tears of joy and a lasting impression.



Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller

LTG. Honore retires

Jan. 10, 2008

Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré will turn the reins of First Army over to Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller during a Jan. 11 change of command ceremony hosted by Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command. Honoré has commanded First Army since July 2004.

Perhaps best known for his role as Joint Task Force Katrina Commander in the aftermath of the nation's worst disaster, Honoré's primary mission for the last 3 1/2 years has been to train Army National Guard and Reserve