

THE HISTORY

Of

CAMP SHELBY

Camp Shelby celebrated its centennial anniversary this year on July 18, 2017. Here's a look back at how far the base has come in 100 years.

1917

CAMP SHELBY ESTABLISHED
War Department awarded Hattiesburg National Army Camp. 50,000 troops trained from 1917-1920.



1924



NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING
Base closed in 1920 and reopened in 1924 for NG training exercises until 1940, including Third Army and the 37th & 38th Infantry Divisions.

1941

PEARL HARBOR
Trained over 750,000 U.S. troops for WWII. Second largest Army post in the U.S. from 1943-1945.



1953



NATIONAL GUARD CONTROL
MS gained control after WWII. Trained troops for Vietnam & Desert Storm. Annually trained 100,000 through late 1990s.

2004

CAMP SHELBY MOBILIZES
Camp Shelby is designated as Global War on Terror mobilization site. Mobilizes and trains troops from all branches of service from 2004-2012.



2017

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
Camp Shelby has trained and mobilized over 1 million troops in all conflicts, but the Korean War, since its establishment in 1917.



"I'm so proud that the state of Mississippi is well remembered by the people who served and represented not only our state, but our nation." - Celeste Young, MSNG Retiree



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