

FRONT & CENTER

Laissez les bon temps rouler...

February is a month of observances and fun holidays, to include Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day, African-American History month, President's Day and of course, the Super Bowl. Let the good times roll with Family and friends, but remember to always put safety first.

Members of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New York Army National Guard are incoming to Camp Shelby and preparing for their upcoming mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Continue the standard of excellence in training, medical and personnel readiness, and service support. It is an honor and a pleasure to assist America's finest as they embark on their journey in support of America's continued fight for freedom.

The mobilization mission continues to move forward as we welcome the 869th Vertical Construction Engineer Company, Florida Army National Guard; the 3-20th Special Forces Company A, B, C and D comprised of Army National Guard Soldiers from Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina and Illinois; the 781st Transportation Company, Alabama Army National Guard; the

179th Ordnance Company, Kansas Army National Guard; the 1157th Transportation Company, Wisconsin Army National Guard; the 444th Chemical Company, Illinois Army National Guard and the 210th Military Police Company, Michigan Army National Guard. Continue the standard of excellence in customer service, training, and support as we assist these units for their upcoming mission readiness.

Team, help me welcome home members of the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard; 204th Theater Airfield Operations Group, Louisiana Army National Guard and the 418th Military Police Company, Florida Army National Guard. Thank you, comrades, for your service and sacrifice during the past months as you served your country, state and community with honor and distinction during ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations.

Safety is always in the forefront of our daily mission and in everything we do. Continue to support the Camp Shelby Safety Office during "Safety Thursday" training. The next training is Composite Risk Management and is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 23. I encourage

all Soldiers to attend and enforce the motto of "Safety First!" This event will be followed by the African-American History Month observance; this is a great opportunity for Soldiers and leaders to attend both.

African-American History Month is recognized during the month of February and the theme for 2012 is "Black Women in American Culture and History." This year's observance will be presented by the 177th Armored Brigade and the 158th Infantry Brigade at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 in the post theater, Dolton Hall. I encourage your support to make our monthly Equal Opportunity observances a success.

Thanks to all of you for your dedicated support as we continue the mission of mobilizing and demobilizing American Heroes. It is an honor and a privilege to assist America's finest patriots as they embark on their journey for the continued fight for freedom. Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work.

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



Col. Steve Parham

SOLDIER

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TNCO Assoc. Conference

The Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association is scheduled to hold its 44th Annual Conference at the Hilton Jackson and Conference Center on April 19-22. Registration is \$50.00 per person and group room reservations are available at the Hilton Jackson at the following rates: \$77 per night prior to March 20, and \$91.00 per night after March 20, using the group reservation code "NCO." For more information, call The Hilton Jackson at (601)957-2800 or 1-888-263-0524 and advise them that you are with the NCO Association. For conference registration info, call Keith Ales at (601)816-6452.

AP Workshop

The Veterans Administration has scheduled several Transition Assistance Program employment workshops at CSJFTC, which will be conducted in room 227-228 at Bldg. 1001. The workshops are scheduled Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 to 10 a.m. on Feb. 21-24, 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.asp>

Free Credit Scores

In support of the National Guard Bureau, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and FINRA Investor Education Foundation (which is part of FINRA) have once again provided service members with the opportunity to check their credit scores and credit analysis free of charge through March 31, 2012. Checking your credit through this site does NOT go against your credit history.

Go to: <http://apps.finra.org/myFICO/2/default.aspx>

On the right frame is the link to get the credit score

Educator's code: NEU2BWJJ

Military Discounts

• Military Discount- Pink's Presents located inside The Secret Gallery gift store at Newpointe Shopping Center (Oak Grove) is offering a 20% military discount on the purchase of "Survival Straps" bracelets. Proceeds benefit The Wounded Warrior Project. Call Susan

Cucullu, (601) 264-1322 or go to www.survivalstraps.com.

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

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

Tax Center

Camp Shelby's Income Tax Center opened Feb. 2 and offers free income tax services in bldg. 1485. Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., Tues., and Thurs. and from 9 a.m. to noon on Wed. and Fri. (closed weekends) "Appt-Only" basis. Will take appointments through Apr. 12, 2012. Call 601-558-2190 to set appt. Walk-ins not accepted. Call Cpt. R.L. Edwards 601-558-2348.

Chapel services

Noon Day at the Chapel on CSJFTC Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An opportunity for encouraging one another in Praise and Worship. Call Chaplain (Maj.) Terry Partin.

GI Bill transfer

The Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill provides for a transfer of education benefits to Family members. Family members must be in DEERS and eligible Soldiers must make the transfer prior to retirement. Failure to transfer before retirement will terminate the capability to make the transfer.

All Ranks Club

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

Credit Union open

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

Internet opportunities

Camp Shelby has an Internet Café located on 26th Street bldg 2614 and the hours of operations are Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. which is free to the Soldiers.

JAG's new home

The Judge Advocate General's office has moved to bldg 1485. All contact numbers are

the same. Contact Maj. Ronald McBay.

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

Troop store

Now accepting online applications for retail positions. Friendly disposition and flexible hours.

Apply online at www.aafes.com. Background check is required. AAFES is an EOE employer.

Poster Ideas

If you have an idea for a new suicide prevention poster or video, please put your idea on paper and send it to us or either drop by and present it to us. Contact Lt. Col. Constance Essex at (601) 558-2538.

Deployment stories

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. (Retired) Ray Cordell is now working for Lifetime network and he is looking for locations to film the next season of their Homecomings series.

If you have Soldiers returning from deployment and want to get in on this opportunity to tell your Army stories, please contact Ray at ray.cordell@ymail.com or call (916) 409-5076 or (443) 370-3291.

Education Center

Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPTs) are available (computerized) at the CSJFTC-DPCA Education center.

For more information on DLPTs and Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI), call the education center at 601-558-2029 or go to Bldg. 1813 on 18th Street.

ATM Hours

New ATM hours at billeting will be 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Saturday- Sunday. ATM can also be found at Post Exchange and Camp Shelby Federal Credit Union.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Service to Armed Forces (SAF) Program ensures that emergency messages are verified and delivered to the proper authorities regardless of how far

away the service member may be.

Effective June 13, 2011 a single call to send urgent messages to a service member can be made to 877-272-7337 (U.S. toll free).

Tell us your story

The Reveille wants your story! The Reveille highlights an Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, Enlisted Soldier and a Civilian in every edition.

Tell us about your job at Camp Shelby. Tell us about your military career, background, hobbies or accomplishments.

If you are interested in telling your story, contact the CSJFTC Public Affairs Office at 601-558-2271 or 601-558-2835.

The Reveille wants to highlight your Family in a Family Corner article for special achievements and events.

Whether you're a contractor, DA Civilian or Soldier, the Reveille wants to highlight your Family member's latest news. Contact CSJFTC Public Affairs Office at 601-558-2271 or 601-558-2835.

NCO Association

A raffle for a Honda Fourtrax Fourman 500 FE with tilt bed trailer will be held April 21, 2012. Tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Bo Plunk, 662-902-4650 or visit www.msncoa.org.

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