

REVELLE

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Hey, Soldier:
Did you Know?

Veterans eat free

Several Hattiesburg-area restaurants are offering free and discounted meals/drinks on Veterans Day.

They include:

■ Applebees- All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

■ Chili's - Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

■ Hooters- All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day Menu.

■ Krispy Kreme- All - active duty, retirees and Veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call and make sure that the local Krispy Kreme is participating.

■ Outback Steakhouse- Veterans and active-duty military get a complementary Bloomin' Onion and nonalcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

■ T.G.I. Friday's - Veterans and Service members buy one get one free from Nov. 11-14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

APFT dates/times

Date	Time	Who
Nov. 10.....	0700.....	Runners
Nov. 10.....	1430.....	Runners
Nov. 14.....	0700.....	Runners
Nov. 15.....	0700.....	Runners
Nov. 15.....	1430.....	Walkers
Nov. 16.....	0700.....	Walkers
Nov. 17.....	0700.....	Runners
Nov. 17.....	1430.....	Walkers
Nov. 18.....	0700.....	Runners

Military Mondays

Military members can purchase University of Southern Mississippi home game football tickets at the Pat Ferlise Ticket Office on Mondays before a home game for only \$5.

There is no limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased. For more information call (800)844-TICK (8425).

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. We are located in building 1813 or contact Lt. Col Constance Essex (601) 558-2538.

Education Center

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

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VETERANS DAY 2011

A War Story

Hattiesburg native received Bronze Star during WW II

By **DANA ELISE SMITH**

Camp Shelby Public Affairs

It is rare that a veteran's account of his experience in war becomes someone's high school senior project.

Larissa Ladner had the opportunity to record her great uncle's war stories from World War II at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum on Sept. 15.

Robert E. Hodges is a Hattiesburg native who served as a Technician 5 in Charlie Company, 30th Infantry, 3rd Division from Aug. 11, 1944 to Oct. 16, 1945.

He was wounded in com-

bat on the Siegfried line between France and Germany on March 19, 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his hero-

ism. Hodges regaled his niece with memories as he flipped through pages of old photographs and a scrapbook that chronicled his military career.

Ladner, a senior at Forrest County Agricultural High School, listened to Hodges's many experiences for over an hour.

His story begins when he was working and building

Camp Shelby in 1939 and 1940.

"Many people tried to get me to enlist while I was here," Hodges said. "But it wasn't until later that I was inducted into the Army at Camp Beauregard, La.," he said.

Hodges completed his training in Little Rock, Ark. before sailing on the Queen Mary to serve in the European theatre.

He found himself participating in the Battle of the Bulge, the largest and bloodiest battle of WW II.

He recalls the most gruesome events surrounding it.

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Photo courtesy of the Hodges Family
YOUNG SOLDIER... Robert E. Hodges' official Army photograph was taken before he was sent to serve in the European theatre in the Second World War.

Favre surprises Task Force Roc members

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

Overseas Contingency Operations.

The former University of Southern Mississippi quarterback began his visit by attending a Commander's Call with Col. Steve Parham, CSJFTC Post Commander, followed by an opportunity to surprise more than 500 Ohio National Guard troops at Camp Shelby's Dolton Hall Theater.

Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Boyer, Headquarters and Headquarter Battery, 1-134th FA, served as

moderator of the questionnaire style interview. Favre spoke about motivation, teamwork and team cohesion. Favre expressed to soldiers that they have to be willing to take risks and overcome adversity. He reminded them that things will not always be good.

"It comes to the chemistry and how it all works together," said Favre describing teamwork. "It's kind of like gumbo; the ingredients have to be right."

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Museum opens new POW exhibit

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The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum opened a full exhibit honoring the veteran and former prisoner of war, George Robert Hall on Nov. 8.

Hall was born in Hattiesburg on June 18, 1930. He was educated at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

After graduation, he accepted an officer's commission in the U.S. Air Force.

He was assigned to the 15th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa during the Vietnam War.

There, he flew combat, combat support and reconnaissance missions deep into enemy territory.

On Sept. 27, 1965, Hall's RF-101C Voodoo, an unarmed reconnaissance aircraft, was shot down by ground fire.

He was forced to eject over south of Hanoi in North Vietnam where he was immediately captured and endured brutal treatment for seven and a half years as a prisoner of war.

He was finally released on February 12, 1973.

He received a Silver Star for his heroic actions in Vietnam. After 23 years of military service,

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Almost there

By **STAFF SGT. JACKQUINE MOORE**

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The month of October kicked off the Southern Mississippi Combined Federal Campaign for this year. Although most of the event took place in the month of October, donations can be made until Dec. 1.

"There have been many fundraisers by the directors and payroll pledges from federal employees in a team effort to reach the goal," said Maj. Pat Lowery, the Combined Federal Campaign Chairman for Camp Shelby.

Col. Steve Parham, CSJFTC Commander, appointed Maj. Pat Lowery and Master Sgt. Bo Plunk, both from the Directorate of Public Works, as the CFC 2011 Chairman and Co-Chairman.

This is an annual campaign that allows federal civilians, postal, and

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Photo courtesy of Maj. Pat Lowery/Department of Public Works
ALMOST THERE... Maj. Pat Lowery and Master Sgt. Bo Plunk, Department of Public Works, marked the Combined Federal Campaign sign at the South Gate of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Nov.3. CSJFTC as a whole reached 95 percent of the \$65,000.00 goal for the Combined Federal Campaign this year.