

Inspector General Corner...

Non-deployable medical waivers

Deployed Health Service Support Infrastructure (i.e., Troop Medical Clinic (TMC), aid stations, etc.) provide only limited medical care for mobilizing service members. All deploying personnel (military and civilian) must be medically cleared prior to deployment. Any personnel found to be medically non-deployable and whose condition changes, must still be cleared by the mobilization site or the appropriate approval authority.

Personnel found non-deployable at the mobi-



lization site **WILL NOT** deploy without a medical waiver signed by the appropriate approval authority: Army Central (ARCENT) Command Surgeon, or in behavioral health instances, Central Command (CENTCOM) Surgeon.

- ALL mental health waivers **MUST** be approved by CENTCOM Surgeon. Unit commanders must obtain a medical waiver and **ARE NOT** authorized to override the local medical deployability determination.

With the exception of mental health waivers, medical

waiver approval authority is delegated to the service component surgeon general for all deploying personnel. Army Components (Active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, and civilians) will first consult with the United States ARCENT surgeon to obtain medical waivers if personnel are deemed medically non-deployable IAW MOD 9 to United States CENTCOM Individual Protection and Individual/Unit Deployment Policy, paragraph 15.B and Personnel Policy Guide (PPG), Tab A.

**Word of the Week:** *IN ARTICULO MORTIS*. The moment of death.



**WARRIOR PLT COMBATIVES** – Above, Spc. Kyle Mayberry prepares to conduct a combative technique on Spc. Jessica Rehkop during mobilization training at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Upper right, Pfc. Jennilyn Young performs the Arm Push and Roll to the Rear Mount drill on Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mauro. Bottom right, Soldiers assigned to Warrior Platoon 23 demonstrate the techniques they learned during training. The group will soon be deploying overseas. Photos by Sgt. Michael Williams, CSJFTC PA



First Army Div. East holds competition at Camp Shelby

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With the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) being the future of our military, the importance of NCO and Soldier of the Year Competitions is paramount.

After competing and winning their brigade level competitions, six NCOs and four junior Soldiers from First Army's Division East traveled to Camp Shelby where they competed in the First Army Division East NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition May 7-10.

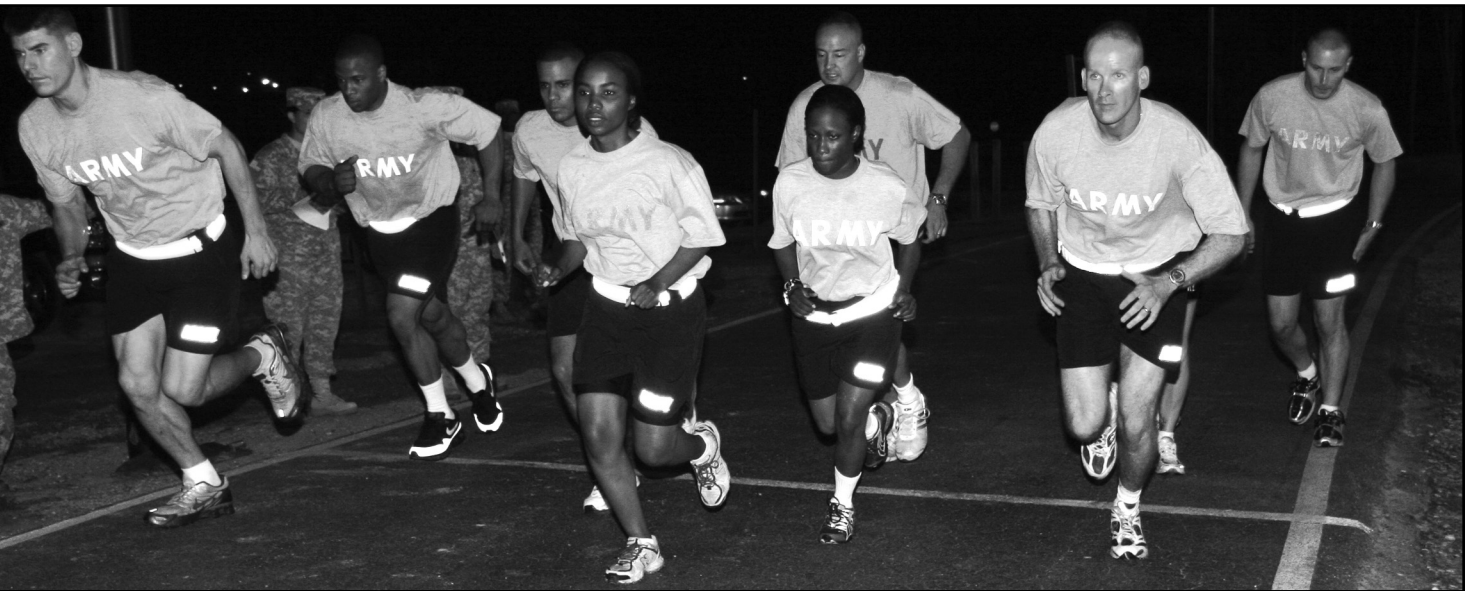
The event, hosted by the 157th Infantry Brigade from Fort Jackson, S.C., was originally scheduled to be held at Fort Jackson, but training brought the brigade to CSJFTC.

“We began planning the competition last fall,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Calvin Morman, brigade sergeant major of the 157th. “Once we realized we would be training Soldiers at Camp Shelby, we had to do some adjusting. We couldn't have done it without the help of the 177th Armored Brigade.”

The events of the competition were chosen to prepare the Soldiers to compete at the First Army Board in June.

“The competition is an old Army tradition,” said Morman. “This year it's that much more important because 2009 is the Year of the NCO, and these Soldiers are the best of the best from the division.”

Once the Soldiers arrived at Camp Shelby, they completed a test on map reading and other general subjects. The following morning, the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) was the first of a series of events to



**Soldiers competing in the First Army Division East Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition, start the two-mile run portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test before the sun rose. The APFT was one of eight events the Soldiers competed in. Below right, Sgt. Rafeal Geliga with the 158th Infantry Brigade, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., takes aim at his target during the Individual Weapon Qualification event. Bottom left, Pfc. Lamar Gordon-Holmes, left, and Sgt. Brian Tarr, both with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J., compete neck-and-neck during the four-mile road march. Photo by Sgt. Sheila Holifield**

kick off an 18-hour day. After proving their physical endurance in the APFT, the Soldiers continued on a four-mile road march and at the end they were tested on Individual Weapon's Qualification (IWQ).

Immediately following IWQ, the Soldiers proficiently completed their Army Warrior Tasks (AWT). During this portion of the competition, the Soldiers were tested on performing first aid on a casualty through several different scenarios.

The Day Land Navigation Course was the next event the Soldiers would have to complete in the heat of the day. After more than 15 hours of competing, the

final event was the Night Urban Land Navigation Course.

“This level of competition would be challenging for any Soldier,” said Morman. “Once you factor in the heat and 18 hours of events back-to-back, it was impressive to see every Soldier maintain their competitive drive.”

The following morning the Soldiers had to successfully appear before a panel of senior NCOs from the division level.

“We hope once each Soldier leaves this competition, they will be better Soldiers and leaders than they were before,” said Morman.

The Soldiers who competed were Sgt. Brian Tarr and Pfc. Lamar Gordon-Holmes,

with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J.; Sgt. Rafeal Geliga and Spc. Brenda Averill, 158th Infantry Brigade, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; Sgt. 1st Class John Lewis and Spc. Kirsten Bradley, 177th Armored Brigade, CSJFTC; Staff Sgt. LaShonda Hunt and Spc. Mistri Blackburn, 188th Infantry Brigade, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Staff Sgt. Clinton Allen, 205th Infantry Brigade, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; and Sgt. 1st Class Hal Parks Jr., 157th Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Lewis with the 177th was the NCO selected and Gordon-Holmes with the 72nd was the Soldier selected to represent First Army Division East at the First Army Board in Jacksonville, Fla., in June.

