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Col. Earnie Shows

Camp Shelby has numerous activities on tap

Spring time is approaching fast. Several other things are coming fast also — the send-off/farewell and validation of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Teaming, daylight savings and pre-planning Annual Training (AT) for several units.

The 39th IBCT is nearing the completion of their training here at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

Soon after their farewell, they will start boarding the plane to deploy to Iraq in support of the war on terrorism. Let's continue to ensure that this unit and all others leave here well prepared to be successful with their future missions.

Do not forget to set those clocks forward one hour on March 9 at 12 a.m. Plan for the lost hour of sleep. We need all our staff to be at their peak level of performances at all times.

Remember to spring forward.

Our gearing up for AT time is now. Last year we had several Brigade Combat Teams and smaller units complete AT here within approximately four month time frame. It was busy! This year will be no different.

We expect four BCT's and some smaller units to start arriving for AT in May and continue through the summer. During this time period, you all will have to dawn several hats - support

AT units and mobilizing units at the simultaneously. You can do it team.

During the past weeks, several high-ranking officials have visited here to view the training and other activities. Generals Charles Campbell and George W. Casey, Jr., Lt. Gen. Thomas Miller, Maj. Gen. Jay Hood, and many other Generals and special groups such

as the ESGR's of Louisiana and Arkansas, the National American Legion President/Commander visited. They expressed their satisfaction of the output/activities (training and troop preparation/processing) they witnessed.

Along with our visitors, I would like to thank you all for your efforts of what we do here.

Your efforts definitely help support the fight against our enemies who desire to see America's way of life fail. Stay Army Strong with your support team.

Everyone always think and practice safety. Complete those risk assessments. Remember nearly all accidents are preventable.

God Bless you and our great country.



Photo by Sgt. Kenny Hatten

From left, Sgt. Stephanie Williams, 1st Lt. Mannix McLaurin, Master Sgt. Donald Gilmore, Spc. Jonathan Garcia and Sgt. Brandy Pugh each scored a 290 or better on the Army Physical Fitness test (APFT), setting the example for others at CSJFTC to follow.

10 earn Physical Fitness Awards

By KENNY HATTEN

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Army Physical Fitness Award — Ten Soldiers from Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) earned the Army Physical Fitness badge for their scores on the last Army Physical Fitness Test in November, 2007, exhibiting superior drive and determination in pursuit of their physical fitness goals.

"A lot of work goes into earning this award," said Sgt. Brandy Pugh, who is the Assistant NCO In Charge of Final Clearance at the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities (DPCA).

"The Physical Fitness Award program is really great, and it gave me something to shoot for; my goal was to score a 300 on the APFT, but with a lot of "blood, sweat and tears", I actually scored a 305 on the extended scale. It was a great accomplishment for me."

Because of her exceptionally high score on the APFT, Sgt. Pugh is now the leader of

the Remedial Physical Training program for her section.

The other CSJFTC Physical Fitness Award winners are not pictured — Sgt. Johnny Jackson, Sgt. Billy Daniels, Master Sgt. Tammy Clinton, Sgt. Warren Wilkinson, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Parish Clinton, and Lt. Col. Robert Parham.

The Army Physical Fitness Badge was established by the Secretary of the Army on June 25, 1986 and awarded effective Oct. 1, 1986.

Soldiers who score 270 or above, with a minimum of 90 points per event on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and meet body fat standards are eligible for the Physical Fitness Badge for physical fitness excellence.

Soldiers are required to meet the above criteria on each recorded test to continue to wear the badge.

The badge is authorized only as a cloth badge and is worn only on the Physical Fitness Uniform, centered on the left side, above the breast of the T-shirt.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Paul Roberts 177th Armored Brigade

From left, Staff Sgt. David Milner, from Houghton, La., uses his compass to shoot an azimuth for sectors of fire while Sgt. 1st Class Scott Robinson, from Houma, La., keeps a watchful eye out for Milner's safety. Milner and Robinson are Soldiers with the 165th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) from Bossier City, La.



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177th Armored Brigade Public Affairs

Lt. Col. William T. Travis received his commission in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps on March 29, 1989. He is a native of Portsmouth, Va., but currently lives in Montgomery, Ala. To date, he has 19 years of military service.

Lt. Col. Travis' current assignment is being the Command Judge Advocate at the 177th Armored Brigade at Camp Shelby, Miss. upon his return from Iraq in August of 2007. Travis provides legal counseling for the brigade and brigade commanders as well as partakes in training mobilizing Soldiers on the Law of War, Rules of Engagement, Code of Conduct and Escalation of Force.

On the civilian side, Travis practiced private law and was a solo attorney in Montgomery, Ala.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M"

Device (for Mobilization), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon as well as the Faithful Service Medal for Ala. with four Bronze Saint Andrews' Crosses.

He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Economics from Auburn University in Ala. and a Juris Doctorate degree from the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala. Lt. Col. Travis has completed the JAG Officer Basic Course, JAG Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Combined and General Staff College. He is also certified in the Combat Life Saver Course.

In his spare time, he enjoys working in his yard and is a Civil War and Military History buff. For the last 34 years, he has enjoyed his season tickets for Auburn University Tigers football team.

He is married to Rosemary and has three children, Daniel (27), Elise (24), who is married, and Jordan (21), who recently enlisted with the Ala. National Guard and will be going to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in April 2008 for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training in the Military Police.

Lt. Col. Travis' advice to others "...Life is short; give it your best effort in everything you do whether it is with family, relationships, profession or God."



LTC William Travis

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