**Hey, Soldier: Did you know?**

### Tax assistance

As of April 11, 2011, CSJFTC tax center has stop filing taxes but if you have not filed yet, the deadline is April 18.

### Education Center

Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPTs) are available to service members at the CSJFTC-DPCA Education center. For more information contact the education center for more complete information on DLPTs and Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI) at 601-558-2029 Bldg 1813 on 18 Street.

### All Ranks Club

The Officers club is open and serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pick a lunch special to highlight as well as include dinner options at Kilroy’s Bunker, which serves dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Tactical Store

The Tactical store is located in Bldg 2510 and the hours of operations are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Surf the web

Camp Shelby has an Internet Cafe located on 26th Street bldg 2614 and the hours of operations are Monday- Friday 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. which is free to the Soldiers. The American Grill has internet service available but there is a fee. The hours of operations are Monday – Friday 8 a.m. -7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### ATM Hours

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

### Museum Gifts

The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum Gift Shop is now offering specialized and unique gifts and souvenirs for mobilizing units and the whole Family. Call (601) 558-2757 or visit www.armedforcesmuseum.us.

### Nat’l Guard jobs

The Mississippi National Guard is now seeking Soldiers and Airmen with agribusiness or farming experience to support a joint deployment to Afghanistan for more information contact Maj Stacy Johnson at 601-313-4544 or stacy.e.johnson@us.army.mil.

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**Marching orders**

One small step for Yokum equals one giant leap for military Families

By SGT. MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Camp Shelby Public Affairs

A former Army veteran is hiking 7,000 miles across the country to help military Families in need.

On March 31, Troy Yokum walked through the gates of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, where he was escorted by a Patriot Guard rider and several Soldiers to the Armed Forces Museum.

Yokum began his 16-month journey April 17, 2010 in his hometown of Louisville, Ky., at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

Field traveled west to California then back through Texas and Louisiana before arriving here.

Yokum said that he came up with the idea of helping military Families when a good friend and a fellow Iraq veteran had lost his job and was in financial trouble and came to him for support about two years ago. He said at the time he was in no position to help.

“That’s when I thought about all those other military Families applying for military assistance. In the same year, military members were setting all time record highs for suicides among veterans,” said Yokum.

“I figured that I needed to do something to help so I started drawing maps and basically came up with the idea to walk from town to town across America to spread awareness about these issues and raise as much money as possible and help as many Families as I could.”

While one Soldier may miss holidays, a birthday, or the birth of a child,

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**‘Always one step ahead’**

Camp Shelby bids farewell to retiring Cmd Sgt. Maj. Keith Waters

By STAFF SGT. JACKOULINE MOORE

Camp Shelby Public Affairs

 Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Keith Waters has been committed to a military career for more than 40 years. Waters enlisted into the Mississippi Army National Guard with the 2nd Battalion 114th Field Artillery Battalion in November 1970. He has served in numerous positions of great responsibility.

In 2006, Waters transferred to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center for his final assignment as the senior enlisted non-commissioned officer of the post. While serving as the Command Sgt. Maj., his job was to make sure that all the enlisted Soldiers were taken care.

“Loyalty, duty, respect, honor, and the list could go on and on,” said (Col.) Forrest Bankston, as he described Waters during a word of prayer.

“I never had to wonder if things weren’t getting done. He was always a step ahead of me,” said Col. Steve Parham, the commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

Waters was presented many awards for a job well done in his support of the Global War on Terrorism/Overseas and Contingency Operations, ongoing across the globe.

As Waters began his farewell speech, he said “I want to thank Cmd. Sgt. Maj. (retired) David Johnson, who mentored me. It was because of him that I was given this position.”

“There has been major changes in the military,” said Waters. “We have the smartest Soldiers. They do a great job as we are asking them to do more and more. I want to thank you, the Soldiers, that work here and the ones who are mobilized here, for your support and making my job easy,” he said.

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**Change leaves big boots to fill**

By BELYNDA FAULKNER

177th Armored Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 158th Infantry Brigade stood on the parade field at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center March 31 to honor and say goodbye to a man they have followed since 2007: Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Jose Vega.

Vega, a native of Puerto Rico, joined the Army in 1984. During his career, he served across the United States and abroad, including assignments at Fort Richardson, Alaska, and Camp Casey, Korea. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with “V” device and one oak leaf cluster, in addition to the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

With all of these accomplishments, Vega’s boots will be hard to fill.

In his speech, Col. Thomas Hellis, 150th commander, said it was difficult to find the right words to say about such a great leader, but noted it was a blessing to have the opportunity to work with Vega.
A time to celebrate - and give thanks...

A peril is a month to celebrate our blessings and give thanks for the reasons of the season. Easter is April 24th and it is a lot of fun to celebrate with Easter egg hunts and chocolate bunnies, but let us not forget the main reason for the season.

Remember to give thanks to our Lord and Savior for sending his only begotten son to battle death and resurrection so that those who believe in him will have everlasting life with our Father in Heaven. This is a time to cherish your Family and give thanks for the abundance of blessing and freedom we enjoy in our great country today.

Welcome home members of the 806th Engineers of the Arkansas Army Reserve and the 3rd Battalion 20th Special Forces Group from Florida Army National Guard.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice in support of Overseas Contingency Operations during your recent deployment. Welcome home team on behalf of a grateful nation. Job well done!

The 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Oklahoma Army National Guard is on the way with their training and readiness operations in preparation for their pending deployment to Afghanistan. Continue the stellar service and support ensuring they have all the tools and training opportunities to continue the fight for freedom as they embark on their journey in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

This deployment marks the third deployment for the 45th IBCT since the attack of 9/11, their largest deployment since the Korean War. I would also like to welcome the following units for mobilization training as they prepare for their missions in support of Overseas Contingency Operations: the 104th Chaplain Detachment of the Oklahoma Army Reserve; the 133rd Chaplain Detachment of the Virginia Army Reserve and the 133rd Chaplain Detachment of the Pennsylvania Army Reserve. Congratulations to Maj. Jason Nagel as well as Capt. Charles Gilbert for their recent promotion and career advancement. Continue the great work gentlemen. Job well done!

Congratulations to Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Keith Waters as he embraces the next chapter of his life as a retired Soldier.

Waters has set a standard of service for others to follow as we celebrate his 40 years of devoted service to a grateful nation and state. Thank you for all that you have done for inspiration and encouragement of the next generation of Soldiers to follow in your footsteps.

Thanks team for your continued devotion and standards of excellence. May God continue to bless you, your Families, and this great country. "SOLDIERS FIRST!"

New exhibits

The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum is constantly updating its artifacts and exhibits. Admission to the museum is free and hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (601) 558-2757 or www.armedforcesmuseum.us

Tell us your story

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Annual APFT planned

Annual Army Physical Fitness Tests will be given throughout the month of May including the following days/times:

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Staff Sgt. Lyren Sanchez/158th Infantry Brigade

SALUTE... Above, Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Jose M. Vega (far left) outgoing 158th Infantry Brigade command sergeant major; Col. Thomas S. Holts, 158th Infantry Brigade commander; and Sgt. Maj. Robert G. Todd, incoming command sergeant major, salute the flag as the official party of the 158th Infantry Brigade change of responsibility ceremony at Camp Shelby, Miss., March 31. At left, Col. Hollis presents Lillian Vega, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Vega with the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal.

The brigade’s mission is to prepare units for combat operations, and when directed by First Army Division East, they provide training oversight and support to enhance National Guard and Reserve unit readiness for wartime requirements.
REVEILLE

Canteen Books To Sell On “Cash Down” Basis

There will be no more “Pay-as-You-Go” system.

For effective August 14, the overseas camps throughout the country, is giving a three-month trial to the army canteen books, or theatre coupon books taken on the cull at this time of the month, soldier. 

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Secondly, but equally as important, the first time this $11.00 and $12.00 canteen books are available for sale in the overseas camps, advertise the fact that the “cash down” system is in effect.

Upon payment of the $11.00 and $12.00 canteen books, advertise the fact that the “cash down” system is in effect.

If the plan proves a success, which is more than likely, sooner or later canteen books will be eliminated and credit will be eliminated for extended men, with the exception of those enlisted men of the first three grades.

Moreover, the army will no longer accept the $11.00 and $12.00 canteen books, as they are not needed. If you have such books, it is especially recommended that you return them to any authorized agent.

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Miss. Southern College Opens Camp For Children Of Soldiers

By WILLIAM HALL

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The hope of holidays!

By CHAPLAIN (Capt.) TERRY PARTIN
Camp Shelby Chaplain

Holidays for many are a mystical time that allows us to momentarily leave the stress and chaos of real life while relishing in family, friends, food, and fun.

For the child, most holidays mean relief from school and a day or so of special treats, gifts, as well as some different activities around the house.

For the adult, it doesn’t really matter. If the holiday is Christmas or the Fourth of July, we tend to use the time to relax, enjoy, and sometimes re-energize ourselves for the coming work or school weeks.

Easter is really no different. Many will get Good Friday and what I have started calling “Easter Monday” off from work.

There will be new spring clothes, egg hunts, chocolate bunnies, and praise the Lord, “Peeps.” Many other cultures recognize spring as a new beginning.

The death of winter has passed. The hope of spring is seen on every corner and street as the flowers announce, “we are back!”

Of course, Easter offers even more on that subject. Easter really is about life and hope.

Sadly, many will miss the real hope of the holiday. Easter is about true life, the triumph of mankind over the power of eternal, permanent death!

Though this holiday is about that which is dead coming back to life, without Christ as the Firstborn from the dead, there is no real hope.

Grass, trees, and flowers are built to spring back to life.

People have a tendency to die and stay that way. We see trees and flowers spring back to life. The reality of our lives is that we move from life to death and that’s it.

Billy Graham is quoted as saying, “We live, we suffer, we die. Fortunately, there is a loop hole.”

Billy Graham was right. If you live long enough, you suffer and death eventually comes. Not much hope in that. God offers the loop hole in his Son, Jesus who died on the cross at the hand of Roman executioners, was placed in a borrowed tomb, but was raised back to life, becoming the hope of generations to come.

Don’t miss the real meaning and purpose of what we commonly call Easter. There is more to this holiday than cute bunnies and new clothes. Christ is called in scriptures the “firstborn from the dead” (Colossians 1:18). The Apostle Paul in the New Testament book of Acts quotes King David, saying:

“...But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Of course, Easter offers even more on that subject. Easter really is about life and hope.

Easter Sunday, 9 a.m., Greer Chapel

General Protestant

ON POST

Joint Forces Training Center.

are available through Camp Shelby Post Chaplain for assistance at 558-2622.

*Transportation provided for Jewish, Episcopal, Lutheran, Muslim services (due to time scheduling). Units are responsible for arranging transportation by calling 601-558-2622.

Latter-day Saints
Sunday, 9 a.m., Latter-day Saints Meeting House, 1618 Broadway Dr., 601-268-9706. Contact the Post Chaplain: Lds001

Ecclesial
Sunday, 8 a.m., Trinity Episcopal, 509 West Pine St., 601-544-5551

Jewish
Friday at Temple B’Nai Israel at 801 Mamie Street, 601-545-3871. Every Friday at 6 p.m.

Muslim
Contact Post Chaplain

Others
Church of God at Bellevue, Hwy. 589, Hattiesburg
Jesus Christ of LDS, 2215 Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg
a child, others may suffer mentally and develop anxiety, depression or PTSD. Some even sacrifice much more by being injured by road side bombs, being shot or taking shrapnel. Some pay the ultimate price. In any case, we ask a lot of our men and women in uniform and when in their time of strife, who can they call on?

“Our mission statement is to further spread the word that our American Heroes are fighting just as hard at home as they do overseas. We hope to provide a peace of mind and lay the foundation for military Families in need to succeed. Troy will literally put one foot in front of the other, crossing the great states of America to reach people and help spread the importance of helping our military Families,” he said in a mission statement on his website, drumhike.com.

The goal for Yocum is to raise $5 million for military Families with the help of Wish Upon A Hero Foundation, a charity that supports Yocum and his hike across America. So far, in 11 months he has walked nearly 5,000 miles. Each step means something to the Families he helps. In the last 45 days, we have been raising funds for this foundation. It took nine months to help the first 17 Families. In the last 45 days, we have helped 13 more by providing them $1,500 for bills and making wishes come true. Things like that keep me motivated and keep me moving forward all the way to the end.

“We understand the challenges and sacrifices the Families face during mobilization and deployment of their loved-ones. We’re honored to support you, Yocum, on your journey to improve the quality of life for our military service members and their Families. We thank you for that,” said Cmdgt. Maj. Steven Chancellor, Camp Shelby’s senior enlisted non-commissioned officer.

So far, in 11 months he has walked nearly 5,000 miles. Each step means something and for some veteran supporters, it means much more.

“What you are doing now by raising money to help those that are coming back, I commend you for that,” said Veterans Committee Chairman of Hattiesburg Ted Tibbet.

“It is up to us, former veterans and present people in the military to do all we can to support them and you’re doing a great job. I salute you.”

During the first three weeks of the long journey, his wife Mareike walked the first 4,000 miles with him. After reaching the Colorado Mountains and climbing 11,000 feet, he was then hit with a minor setback. Yocum was diagnosed with kidney stones and near kidney failure. Due to the illness, it sidelined him for a few weeks.

“I was very lucky,” said Yocum.

After passing the stones and missing the operation room by one day, he began his journey again heading west on Sept. 11, 2010, the same day, nine years ago, was the reason why he joined the military. After touching the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, Calif., he turned around heading east. Yocum said that after stepping into Texas, it took him two months three days to walk through Texas before reaching Louisiana. There in Louisiana, he was then sidelined by another minor setback. He developed a foot infection, which sidelined him for nearly two weeks after walking nearly nine straight months.

“Two thousand eight hundred more miles is what I have left and about five months of walking,” said Yocum, during a small press conference.

“If I don’t reach the $5 million goal, we are going to continue on the journey across America by car, granting more wishes across America until I reach my goal.”

“My ultimate goal is to grant a total of 100 wishes. We are setting at 40 wishes now so to get to at least 60 more would be fantastic,” said Yocum.

“The highlight of the trip would be the first donation. It meant that all the hard work I had put into the logistics and calling everyone and setting up everything is paying off,” said Yocum.

“Walking is easy! To me, to help that first Family was a fantastic thing. Every donation since then has been incredible.”

To track Yocum’s progress or to make donations, visit his website at www.drumhike.com.
What I am today,” said Gilbert.

Gilbert feels that the constant support that he received from those he worked with enabled him to be a better officer. He thought this because of Col. Parham who mentored him in his career advancement.

“Parham who was the one who said, ‘I didn’t do this alone, not by a long shot. When most folks were starting to lose faith, Col. Parham didn’t because he knew...’” added Gilbert.

He concluded by thanking his Family.

“I, of course, thank my parents, but the person I need to thank the most is that little guy,” he said as he pointed to his son.

Gilbert has been in the Mississippi Army National Guard since 1997. During his service he deployed to Bosnia with the 1st Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team and to Afghanistan in 2003 with the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group. He mobilized at CSIFTC in June 2004.

Capt. Gilbert was promoted to the rank of captain on March 31.

Parham, CSIFTC commander, had the honor of pinning on his new rank.

“He is a very deserving officer and the only people that would be prouder than me are his mom and dad,” said Parham.

Gilbert gave a statement of appreciation to Col. Parham who mentored him in his career advancement.

“I didn’t do this alone, not by a long shot. When most folks were starting to lose faith, Col. Parham didn’t because he knew I was a good officer. He thought this because of the constant support that I received from those I work with,” said Gilbert.

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“He gave me my motivation and purpose. He made me what I am today,” said Gilbert.

Robinson headed to Afghanistan

Sgt. Timothy Robinson, also known as “T.J.,” mobilized at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Honor of March 31. Gilbert serves as the operations and training officer in CSIFTC’s Department of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

“T.J. mobilized at Camp Shelby last month,” said Robinson.

Robinson, who enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard, recently volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan with the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Robinson holds a Military Occupation Specialty as a Combat Medic. He is a native of Ewing, Illinois and is a member of the 325th Combat Support Hospital headquartered in Cape Girardeau, Ill.

After he graduated high school in 2001 at Sesser-Valier High School, he continued his education at Southern Illinois University at both Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses from 2001 to 2005.

So far Robinson’s military career has spanned three years and on March 4, his 28th birthday, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Robinson’s medical training and career began before he enlisted in the Army Reserves.

He worked as an emergency room technician and was an integral part of the trauma response team at Memorial Hospital of Illinois in Carbondale.

He holds an emergency medical technician (EMT) license for the state of Illinois as well as a national license. In addition, he holds a basic disaster and International Trauma life saver license. “I chose to join the military to travel and use my medical skills from the civilian world in the military world,” said Robinson.

He is married to Candice Stark-Robinson, who is also a combat medic. She is deploying this year with 1st Calvary unit located at Fort Hood, Texas.

In his spare time, he likes to play “Call of Duty” on play station three and enjoys the ventriloquism and comedy of Jeff Dunham, who he recently saw perform live at the gulf coast coliseum in Biloxi.

New building will house museum artifacts

Construction on the future Mississippi Armed Forces Museum support facility is almost complete. The building is located in between the Chapel and the Armed Forces Museum and will be used as a functional laboratory to better conserve the museum’s artifacts.

Although construction is almost complete, it will still be several months before it is in operation. Because it will serve as a space for scientific treatment of the artifacts involving chemicals, it will require several hazardous materials, or HAZMAT, labels and warnings.

In addition, it will take time for the staff of the Armed Forces Museum to move into the facility.

The museum also has several renovations in progress. The renovations are part of a new re-invention project that carries the entire essence of the museum into its lobby, conference room and theatre.

The lobby area will have graphic wall panels hosting giant murals inset with a few smaller photographs. The murals will be continued in both the conference room and theatre. Each will have its own specific theme highlighting various Mississippi troops and military contributions during different military conflicts.

The conference room will contain images of the War of 1812, and some images of the military in the post Civil War period including the Spanish and American War (in 1898). It will bear a new name as the Mississippi National Guard Heritage Conference Room.

The design of the theatre will depict the images of Camp Shelby and its Soldiers in the present day.

“It will take a lot of work and a small staff and keeping the museum open during the renovations. It will take a while and we will probably take on more volunteers to help with the projects so we will not close our doors,” said Daniels.

Daniels hopes that the support facility and renovations will be complete by Veterans Day (November 11) of this year.
As you all may have noticed, the number of Soldiers on post has increased. The 45th is here. They are knee deep in mobilization training, so let’s keep up the good work and support to ensure that they are trained and ready for their upcoming mission.

I would also like to congratulate the 3rd Battalion 20th SFG of Florida and 806th Clearance Co. of Arkansas, for their successful deployment and returning home safely. Also, I want to say congratulations to Capt. Charles E. Gilbert for his recent promotion.

By the time you read this, it will be the middle of April with only a few weeks away from May and we all know about the upcoming APFT. Just a reminder, now is the time to train and prepare for a successful score. During your training, remember this southern weather and make sure that you hydrate and condition yourself accordingly.

In the past few weeks we have experienced hot days and rainy evenings. Take precautions and put safety first in all of your pending training and outdoor activities.

Our Soldier count is steadily increasing daily for mobilization support and will continue to increase during the Mississippi Army National Guard annual training and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp summer training. Ensure you stay focused as the work load increases. Don’t sacrifice quality for quantity.

April 18 is an important date. Remember if you haven’t filed your taxes you need to have it posted before the deadline on April 18.

Let’s all remember April 24, which is Easter Sunday and the significance of it. This day is a sacred celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

CSJFTC Team, I want to thank you for a job well done and I encourage each one of you to continue to set the standard for excellence. May God Bless you and your Families and this great country that we live in. “NCO leads the way.”

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Forrest County Agricultural High School alumni celebrated their 2011 homecoming on April 1. This year marked a special occasion given that it was the centennial, celebrating the first 100 years. The classes that were honored this year were alumni from the graduating classes of 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 2001. There was an induction for this year’s 2011 seniors. A Salute to Excellence was the theme for the 2011 homecoming event. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9036 Honor Guard presented a posting of the colors and service flags, which was followed by Creigh Holder, a member of the Aggies Pride Jazz Band, playing an excellent version of the National Anthem on the piano. During her introduction, Dr. Elizabeth Yankey, Forrest County superintendent, said that FCAHS was like a home the alumni are welcome to come back to visit. Col. Robert F. Thomas, Assistant Adjutant General of Mississippi, served as the guest speaker. During his speech, Thomas said the evening was to honor the nation’s veterans of FCAHS. Thanking the veterans for their service to America, Thomas said the FCAHS staff provided a great core of leaders throughout our communities. “It’s institutions like this that American students are taught to lead our community and our nation through times like this,” said Thomas.

Angus Moody was also honored during the homecoming celebration. Moody graduated with the Class of 1932 and served in World War II. The homecoming celebration was a special night for the veteran, given that he will celebrate his 100th birthday on September 12 of this year. Thomas presented the centenarian with a medallion thanking him for his services in World War II. “Like salvation, freedom is a gift purchased at an enormous cost,” said Thomas.

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Having your child mow the grass can be helpful to you and can give your child a sense of responsibility. But mowing the lawn can be dangerous. Each year, both children and adults get hurt using riding mowers, walking behind mowers and push mowers.

Before your child is allowed to cut the grass, he must be taught to mow in a straight line and go around the edges carefully. He must wear appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes, safety glasses, and hearing shields and grass catcher.

Always watch the path to be mowed. Watch for holes, ditches, and hidden hazards. Use care when turning corners.

Keep feet away from moving parts. Never use a riding mower with the area between the operator and safety shield removed. Avoid mowing on slopes, reduce speed during sharp turns. Be extra careful on steeper slopes. A riding mower should be directed up and down a slope to avoid tipping. A walk behind mower should be operated side-to-side so the operator can’t slip under the mower.

Shut down the engine if the operator leaves the mower. Shut off the mower and allow it to cool down before any adjustments or repairs can be made, or before attempting to empty the grass catcher.

Never operate a mower while under the influence of alcohol or drug or while fatigued.

As we continue to confront this crime, let us dedicate this month to take action in our communities and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. Each day, people witness a continuum of behaviors that range from being respectful and safe, to sexually harassing and violent. This year’s SAAM brings together resources and information, thus offering everyone the opportunity to address behaviors before sexual violence occurs.

The goal of SAAM is to intensively aware efforts combined with the sexual violence prevention work throughout the year. The focus in 2011 is on reducing sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

Sexual Assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threat, negligence, or incapacitation, or in which the victim does not or cannot consent. In a sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threat, negligence, or incapacitation, or in which the victim does not or cannot consent. In a sexual assault, the victim is subjected to or suffers any sexual act that is not mutually agreed to by the parties involved.

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Camp Shelby Public Affairs

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – What organization’s finance office processes an average of $1581 million per month and on a daily basis is responsible for feeding more than 19000 people? Their contracted vehicles travel an average of 23,570 miles per day and their contracted aircraft fly an average of 23,700 passengers monthly? Is this a Fortune 500 company? No, it’s the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and its subordinate unit, the 184th ESC.

The 184th ESC assumed responsibility for all sustainment operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, October 17th, when the 135th ESC, an Alabama Army National Guard unit, passed the baton and returned to the states. Since that time, the 143rd ESC and its subordinate units have continued to provide support for all coalition forces in Afghanistan. As of Monday, January 24th, the Army National Guard unit from Laurel and Hattiesburg, Miss., marked its 100th day as the headquarters element for Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A).

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In the first 100 days, JSC-A and its subordinate units have met the challenge. Their leadership reports facilitating or accomplishing the following missions which gives a small snapshot of the magnitude of sustainment operations:

During their first 100 days, they have:
- Provided support for more than 125,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians on a daily basis, which is more than the combined populations of Hattiesburg and Biloxi, Miss.
- Reviewed and approved $1.2 billion in military contracts
- Processed an average of $181 million in finance transactions per month.
- Delivered more than 126 million gallons of fuel, which would fill 7.8 million passenger cars.
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- Amassed 2.4 million miles by contracted host nation trucks, which is the equivalent of driving around the world 95 times.
- Managed more than 19,000 bed spaces on a daily basis.
- Airdropped 5,400 bundles of critical supplies to remote combat bases.
- Provided 1,925 legal services for Service members; and
- Conducted 1,848 combat logistics patrols.

“Service All members involved in the operational sustainment of logistics continue to perform above expectations in this difficult and austere environment. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by all in the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan, and their families can take great pride in their service,” said Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, JSC-A commanding general and resident of Clarksville, Tenn. “In Afghanistan they do here is critical to mission success.”

Abbott served in WAVES during World War II

By DANA ELISE SMITH
US Navy

Dee Thornton Abbott is a 93-year-old native of Hattiesburg with an extraordinary legacy. She is a Navy veteran of World War II and over her lifetime has gained much honor and recognition. Before all that, she worked at Camp Shelby.

“In 1939, I went to work at Camp Shelby just as everyone in Hattiesburg did at that time,” said Abbott.

When the United States entered the Second World War in 1941, she had the makings of a patriot. In addition to doing her part in the war effort at Camp Shelby, she took on knitting sweaters for the Red Cross, but it was not enough for her.

After two and a half years, she learned of a new branch of the U.S. Military called the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). “I wanted to go because I didn’t have brothers or anyone in my family serving in the war, and I wanted to do my part,” said Abbott.

She enlisted in the WAVES on Jan. 28, 1943 in New Orleans. She went to boot camp for five weeks in Yeoman School at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

In May 1943, she was assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington D.C.

“When they checked out my records they found out I had been in business school and they sent me to teach in a school in Georgia,” said Abbott.

In November 1943, she served as a typing instructor at the Naval Training School in Bainbridge, Maryland. There, she met Samuel W. Abbott, a World War II navy veteran who was captured in May 1942 and held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese until he was liberated in September of 1945. They married on Dec. 26, 1945.

Abbott retired with the rank of Chief Yeoman (Chief Petty Officer) in 1979 after 33 years of military service and soon after that, she retired from her teaching career.

In her retirement, Abbott still continues to be patriotism. She is active in many patriotic organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution; U.S. Daughters of 1812; The Huguenot Society of Mississippi; Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims; American Legion Auxiliary; Fleet Reserve Association; WAVES National; United Daughters of the Confederacy and Magna Charta Dames and Barons. Her husband was responsible for organizing the W. Jack Cleere Memorial Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War in Hattiesburg.

Abbott’s legacy has caused her to be named to the University of Southern Mississippi’s Hall of Fame in October of 1997, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in 1946 and master’s degree in 1955. The following year, she became the first woman ever to receive the City of Hattiesburg’s Veteran of the Year recognition.

Abbott has not forgotten her time at Camp Shelby. Abbott was also instrumental in contributing to the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. “Our P.O.W. chapter gave the museum a flag and a few other items when they opened the new facility in 2006,” she said.

Abbott also sponsored two bricks in the museum’s courtyard, one in her own name and one to honor her late husband.
The good news is also the bad news (I couldn’t even see their faces)

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American Indian POW WOWs have become a tradition at the University of Southern Mississippi. Every year, a tented gathering takes place in Hattiesburg for a lively blend of ceremonial dancing, social gathering and native artistry. The 9th Annual POW WOW will continue the tradition of celebrating Native American cultures April 15-17 on the green space next to Cook Library at Southern Miss. The event is sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council, Southern Miss College of Arts and Letters, Southern Miss Honors College, Southern Miss VP for Research, Southern Miss Office of Student Activities and Southern Miss Center for American Indian Research and Studies (CAIRS).

“POW WOWs gather folks from our native communities to share dance, to celebrate and to share native customs, songs, stories, food and friendships with other tribal members and with non-native visitors,” said Dr. Thomas G. Green, dean of Arts and Sciences. “Letting people know that POW WOWs involve a lot of fun, entertainment and excitement is a primary goal.”

Native American artists will be on hand to sell their wares, and there will be a raffle of original native art. Native American dancers will perform, as well as a variety of native musical entertainment. A special event will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, with film director Steven Spielberg scheduled to speak to the audience.

During the event, there will be Native American drumming, dancing, storytelling and a powwow circuit. The powwow circuit will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. There will be Native American dancers from various tribes at the powwow circuit. The powwow circuit is open to all interested Native American dancers, as well as others who wish to participate in the event. The powwow circuit will include drumming, dancing, storytelling and other traditional activities. The powwow circuit will conclude at 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 17.

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R.F.D.
by Mike Marland

They’ll Do It Every Time
by Al Scaduto

Mama’s Boyz
by Jerry Craft

Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
A common issue that presents itself from time to time here at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center is that of qualifying convictions as defined by the Lautenberg Amendment.

Under the Lautenberg Amendment, all service members that commanders know to have, or have reasonable cause to believe have, a qualifying conviction, are non-deployable for missions that require the possession of firearms or ammunition.

Service members with a Lautenberg qualifying conviction cannot be posted on an overseas assignment.

You may ask yourself, “What is a qualifying conviction?”

AR 600-20, 4-23(b)(1) defines a crime of domestic violence as follows:

“An offense that involves the use or attempted use of physical force, or threatened use of a deadly weapon committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim; or a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; or a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian; or by a person who was similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim. Persons who are similarly situated to a spouse include two persons who are residing at the same location in an intimate relationship with the intent to make that place their home.”

Ultimately, whether or not a specific conviction is a qualifying conviction under Lautenberg is a matter of legal opinion, but individual service members should be aware of what generally constitutes a qualifying conviction in order to avoid violating the Lautenberg Amendment. Commanders must ensure that service members with qualifying convictions, or those whom commanders have reasonable cause to believe have such convictions, are not assigned to MTOE units.

Affected service members may be reassigned to TDA units (if available), but only to positions that deny them access to weapons and ammunition. Commanders must deny service members affected by the Lautenberg Amendment appointment to leadership, supervisory, or property accountability positions that by nature of their execution of military authority or responsibility would give them access to arms or ammunition.

Commanders should counsel service members that the inability to complete service schools may impact future promotions and affect their ability to reenlist.

Service members barred from reenlistment based on a Lautenberg qualifying conviction occurring after 30 September 1996 may not extend their enlistment. However, such service members must be given a reasonable time to seek expunction of the conviction or a pardon.

This retention policy is subject to the “Sanctuary Provisions” of 10 U.S.C. 1176, which allows enlisted Soldiers with more than 18 years of service but less than 20 years of service to remain on duty until eligible for retirement.

If you have been affected by, or have questions regarding Lautenberg, it is critical that you consult with a legal assistance attorney as soon as possible in order to avoid running afoul of the law.