Ace Training

Mandatory Ace Training for all Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center personnel (military, civilian, contractors) will be held on the following dates/times:
- Sept. 7 - Staying Positive and Motivated
  0900-1000 hrs, Room 1400-1500 hrs, Building 1001
- Sept. 15 - Using Leisure Time Well
  1400-1500 hrs, Room 226/227, Bldg 1001
- Sept. 22 - Healing Touch College
  1400-1600 hrs, Room 226/227, Bldg 1001
- Sept. 29 - Friends for Financial Freedom Bethesda Project
  1400-1500 hrs, Room 239, Bldg 1001

Suicide Prevention

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, the Military and Family Life Consultants have scheduled presentations for the following dates, times and locations:
- Sept. 1 - Staying Positive and Motivated
  1400-1500 hrs, Room 226/227, Bldg 1001
- Sept. 15 - Using Leisure Time Well
  1400-1500 hrs, Room 226/227, Bldg 1001
- Sept. 22 - Healing Touch College
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  1400-1500 hrs, Room 239, Bldg 1001

Hunter Education

A mandatory hunter education course will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at Camp Shelby Headquarters, Building 1001

Students must be 10 years of age or older in order to be certified. All participants may enter Camp Shelby at any Gate. Ensure you have proper identification.

For more information or to sign up, contact: (601) 558-2764

Tell your story

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

If you have Soldiers returning from deployment and want to get in on this opportunity to produce one of the designated times, Sign-in sheets and CAC card required for log-in.

Silver Star presentation 43 years in the making

Maj. Gen. William L. Freeman, Adjutant for the Mississippi National Guard presented the Silver Star Award to Steve L. Bounds of Sumrall at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Thursday, August 18.

The presentation to honor Spc. Four Bounds was held at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum.

Congressman Steven Palazzo, Miss. District Four, was in attendance for the presentation and to honor Bounds and his family.

Bounds and his family were excited to be together to experience the ceremony of the military and to honor the service and bravery of Spc. Four Bounds.

While deployed, Bounds was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division.

Bounds served as a Wireman and was awarded the Silver Star award for gallantry in action to restore communications between companies and battalion operations center while under enemy fire.

Before Bounds was able to receive his award, he was released on a hardship discharge. It was a paperwork discrepancy that prevented Spc. Four Bounds from properly receiving the award.

Bounds’ nephew, Staff Sgt. Lathan Newby, first found out in Iraq, the suspicion of weapons of mass destruction.

Even though Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center was not mobilized directly for the September 11 attack, it has made a great impact on helping fight the Global War on Terrorism as well as continuing to help support the current Overseas Contingency Operations.

Since June 2004, CSJFTC has trained more than 150,000 Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations.

“Anybody who wears this uniform, whether it is stateside or overseas, is helping fight the war on terrorism,” said Parham.

As a tribute to the lives lost as well as the survivors of this tragedy, on September 11, the anniversary, many people all around the world will take time to remember that day.
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H urricane season is here and you are probably on edge about the impact of Hurricane Irene along the East Coast during the month of August, but the month of August is infamous for its hurricanes in our nation's history.

Hurricane Katrina, category 3, will also be remembered for its impact on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Labeled second only to Hurricane Katrina, category 5, which is considered to be the worst storm ever hit the United States in terms of wind speed at Landfall, a horrific 200 mph wind speed with tides measuring over 20 feet.

Hurricane Camille hit Mississippi on August 17, 1969 and Hurricane Katrina made its mark on the Mississippi Gulf Coast during landfalling states on August 29, 2005. Are you and your team prepared for a hurricane?

Do you know the following:
Do you have a hurricane kit with first aid supplies, flashlights, extra food and water, emergency phone numbers and essential documents?

If you answered yes to the questions, you have learned from the past hurricanes and severe weather. We have experienced in the great state of Mississippi and make your preparations now.

For more complete information on the continued fight for our nation’s freedom.

Thank you for not only your dedication to the mission of mobilizing and demobilizing American Heroes, but also for all the service members of the 112th Military Police Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard as they begin their mobilization training.

As we remember the lives lost during this ten year anniversary, remember the sacrifices but cherish the freedom and pride that comes with being a military service member or a family member of a service member.

Team, thank you for your continued service to our grateful nation as you train and serve in Overseas Contingency Operations for the continued fight for our nation’s freedom.

On Nov. 15, 2011, we will welcome the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from the New York Army National Guard, stay focused and continue the standard of excellence that identifies Camp Shelby above the rest.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication and support for the mission of mobilizing and demobilizing American Heroes.

Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work.

Steven Palazzo’s office, Mississippi District Four. With documents in hand and some help from Congressman Lowes office was expedit ed to ensure that a wrong was made right in the proper military fashion to honor the service of an American Hero. When Bounds was asked about being a war hero he said, “I don’t think so much that I am a war hero. I don’t consider myself a war hero. I was just out there doing my job.”

Newby played a special role in honoring his uncle’s service to our country, yet was very humble in his accomplishments.

“I am just proud to see my Uncle Bounds receive the award he deserves,” said Newby.

Due to the efforts of Staff Sgt. Lutan Newby, Bounds’ nephew, MS National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, National Guard Bureau and Congressman Palazzo’s office this award was finally presented to Spec. Four Steve L. Bounds for Gallantry in Action 43 years after the time it should have been presented to a hero of the Vietnam War.

Bounds is married to Ann Martin Bounds and they have four children, Junior Bounds of Sumrall, Sharon Jean Bryant of Lumberton, Shelton Bounds of Hattiesburg, and Jake Bounds of Parvis.

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About his uncle’s military achievements when he was experiencing some ill health.

Bounds had his original orders that were sent to his house and a copy of his military personnel record. The award orders were dated three days after Bounds’ discharge from the army.

It was Bounds’ wish to get it corrected. He thought his children might appreciate the Silver Star medal that he earned and wanted it to hand down to his family in the future.

Newby began the process of correcting the award with his Company Commander of the 365th Component Repair Company, 1st Lt. Chris Paul.

The process went through the high er headquarters, Joint Force Headquarters Mississippi National Guard, National Guard Bureau, and then to Human Resources Command for the Army.

After requesting the correction through the proper channels, the concern for Bounds’ health was a means for urgency.

Newby requested permission from his chain of command to seek additional assistance through Congressmen Col. Steve Parham

keep up the good work.

“SOLDIERS FIRST!”

T he parade will start at 9 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. It’s closed Monday through Tuesday. POC 601-558-2270.

American Grill

The ANAEF American Eattery located in bldg 2413 on Lee Ave. serves pizzas, burgers, and salads daily. They are open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wi-Fi is also available.

For more information contact Col. Rameal Harrington at 601-520-1041.

Milestones to remember and to learn from...

11/11 tributes

The University of Southern Mississippi and the City of Hattiesburg are partnering for the National 9/11 Memorial Project during halftime of the Friday night Miss football game against Louisiana Tech on Sept. 3. The USM Gulf Coast campus is hosting its own tribute to 9/11 at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Fleming Fine Arts Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Pageant time

The Leaf Foundation is presenting the 2011-12 Miss River Valley-Miss Riverland Pageant at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Oak Grove Primary School Multipurpose Center.

This event will be a Musical Tribute to America’s Defenders, and our own Camp Shelby Honor Guard will be in attendance.

Admission is free with a military ID and/or a military family member or a family member of a service member.

Surf the Internet

Camp Shelby has an Internet Café located on 26th Street bldg 2614 and the hours of operation 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.

Our Internet service available but there is a fee. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Zumba classes

Zumba summer schedule (July) Mondays: 6:00-6:45 a.m.; Tuesdays: 11:30-11:50 a.m. (express) Wednesdays: 6:00-6:45 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the CSJFTC Gym.

If you have questions, you may call 601-371-5473 or email kld.hyder@gmail.com.

ZUMBA® is a world fitness option to military ID cardholders and Camp Shelby employees.

CSJFTC Gym.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Jon J. Alex Ruminer at 601-558-4937 or jon.j.ruminer@us.army.mil

Veteran’s parade

The Armed Forces Top Enlisted Association (AFTEA) Pine Belt Chapter in coordination with the Hattiesburg Veteran’s Committee will host a Veteran’s Day parade on Nov. 11 in downtown Hattiesburg.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. at the fire station on Main Street and will wind through Veteran’s Park. The parade will be followed by a Veteran’s Day program at the park.

For more information contact Col. Rameal Harrington at 601-520-1041.
Patriot Day
We'll Never Forget
9/11/2011
Whaley earns BA degree

By STAFF SGT. JACKQUELINE MOORE
Camp Shelby Public Affairs

Recently, Staff Sgt. Jean Whaley, NCOIC, CSJFTC-E, earned her Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from Thomas Edison State College. Whaley made the commitment to earn her undergraduate degree while serving her mission duties at the EO office under Lt. Col. Constance Essex.

“Earning a degree combined with an Army Mission is not easy,” said John Junkins, ESO, CSJFTC-EPC DPCA Education Center, “it not only requires a commitment, but endurance and a stick-to-tiveness as well.”

Junkins said that after a full mission day and then going home and taking care of the home front, soldiers often find themselves burning the midnight oil, or getting up at “0 Dark Thirty” to study. There are also those lunch times while chewing on a chicken leg and doing homework.

“Whaley earned her degree the old fashioned way - she earned it - and in the process did not miss a step in her mission requirements,” said Junkins. Whaley accomplished mission requirements and pursued her degree goals, found time to mentor junior ranking soldiers about personal and professional development. 

Junkins said very few years went by without a soldier visiting the education services department and saying that Whaley told them to stop by to visit about college, ROTC, WOC, or raising a GT score on the ASVAB. Whaley was recognized for her academic accomplishment on Aug. 25.

God’s Word concerning your worries...

By CHAPLAIN (Col.) FORREST BANCKSTON, Jr.
Camp Shelby Installation Chaplain

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he Most Reverend R.C. Trench, who was at one time the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, had a morbid fear of becoming paralyzed.

One evening at a party, the lady that sat next to him at dinner heard him muttering hopelessly to himself, “It’s happened at last, I am dying of the right limb.”

“Your Grace,” said the lady, “it may comfort you to learn that it is my leg you are pinching!”

I told that little story to ask this important question: do you (we) worry about everything? Why?

Worry is the ultimate act of rebellion against the rule of God in a believer’s life. How?

Worry says that God is dead; and if He is alive, then He is incapable of doing anything about my situation! Even though we may know these things, it doesn’t change the fact that people worry.

As a matter of fact, worry could be called the most popular pastime of the human race.

One elderly lady said, “I always feel bad when I feel good, for I know that I’ll feel bad after awhile!”

What a tragic outlook, yet many people live right there. Folks, the bottom line is this, when we worry we have ceased to live right there. Folks, the bottom line is when I feel good, for I know that I’ll feel bad after awhile!”

There is nothing that should cause a Christian to worry, Paul says. We all have problems in life and Paul was one who experienced many problems, yet Paul tells us that there should never be a crisis so troubling that God cannot bring peace in the midst of it! God will not necessarily take your problems away, but He will carry the load for you. But next, Paul gives us God’s plan to overcome worry, “but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.”

In today’s language, “pray about everything, worry about nothing.” Don’t worry, just pray, Paul says. And what is the result? What is God’s promise for our obedience? The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

If we will pray about everything and worry about nothing, Paul says, the result will be the Peace of God that transcends all our understanding. That is God’s promise to His children. No matter what your circumstances are, turn your worry (anxiety) over to God and let His perfect peace guard your heart.

The following worship opportunities are available through Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

**ON POST**

General Protestant
Sunday, 9 a.m., Greer Chapel
12:30 p.m., Greer Chapel

Catholic Mass
Saturday, 2 p.m., Greer Chapel

(Conferences at 1:30 p.m.)

For Jewish, Latter-day Saints and Muslim services, please contact the Post Chaplain for assistance at 601-588-2498.

**OFF POST**

“Transportation provided for Jewish, Episcopal, Lutheran, Muslim services ONLY (due to time scheduling) Units responsible for arranging transportation by calling 601-588-2822.

Latter-day Saints

Sunday, 9 a.m., Latter-day Saints Meeting House, 1618 Broadway Dr., 601-268-2438; Hall: 601-268-9706.

Contact the Post Chaplain.

Episcopal

Sunday, 8 a.m., Trinity Episcopal, 500 West Pine St., 601-544-5501

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

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

CAMP SHELBY AREA WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
First, I would like to give the members of the Ohio National Guard a warm welcome to Camp Shelby. Soon the entire brigade will be on ground to begin their mobilization process.

Team, continue the mission of providing the excellent training and support to this unit with their mobilization training as they prepare for their Overseas Contingency Operations.

The Army Physical Fitness Test is steadily approaching. The next scheduled APFT is in November. If you haven’t begun preparing for it, I strongly advise you to start now.

Passing the APFT is not only a standard for being in the Army; it is a requirement of being a soldier and a leader.

NCOs, if you have or know of a soldier that has a weakness with passing the APFT, lead by example by taking time to train with them. Remember one of the duties of being an NCO is taking care of the Soldier.

For those of you new to CSJFTC, the only authorized place to wear headphones while running is at the track located at the softball field complex behind the gymnasium.

Labor Day is this coming Monday, Sept. 5. Depending on the mission tasks, this is a great opportunity to spend time with family and take some time off.

Remember safety as you celebrate the end of the summer season.

Now that summer is coming to an end and with fall being just around the corner, it’s time for some tailgating and football.

We have a lot of football fans here at Camp Shelby whether it’s showing support for your favorite high school, college or NFL team. Remember drinking and driving doesn’t mix. Do not drink and drive.

August 29 was the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. We have come a long way, six years later south Mississippi and our neighboring states are still recovering from the disaster.

With that being said hurricane season is in full swing with Irene being the first of the named hurricanes for 2011. Make sure that your alert rosters are updated in case of emergency situations.

A 5.8 earthquake rattled the East Coast on Aug. 23. Keep in your prayers the people who were affected by this unexpected disaster.

Let me remind you all that September 11 will be the 10 year anniversary of one of the most devastating attacks to occur on United States soil.

Continue to pray for the lives lost and loved ones left with the heartache of this tragedy. As a nation we will continue to pray and stay strong.

Team, thank you for the great job that you all do in support of the mobilization and demobilization process here at Camp Shelby. Continue to strive for excellence.

Soldiers First!

NCOs Lead the Way!
Cockrell accepts new assignment as electrician

By DANA ELISE SMITH
Camp Shelby Public Affairs

Sgt. 1st Class John Malcolm Cockrell is from Gulfport and works in the Directorate of Public Works at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

In July, he celebrated his promotion to his current rank after serving two years as a construction inspector and heavy equipment operator for DPW.

He is now taking on his new assignment in DPW as an electrician where he will be responsible for maintaining all electrical utilities of the buildings and facilities at CSJFTC.

"I ensure that soldiers have a place to live and train. I make sure everything works. If there is a problem anywhere on post, I fix it," said Cockrell.

He has served a total of 19 years in MSARNG. He feels that the National Guard chose him. "I don't really know if I chose it, it may have been more of a mutual understanding," he said.

Cockrell is also a member of the Headquarters Support Company, 890th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Gulfport where he serves as an operations sergeant. He has earned many Military Occupational Specialties in construction which include Interior Electrician, Carpentry Masonry Specialist and Heavy Equipment Operator.

Cockrell’s civilian occupations have been mostly construction. "I have worked every kind of construction from the basic underground utilities to building sub-divisions, to house construction up to the point of the turn key purchase," he said.

In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and spending time with his son, Christopher, 17.

158th welcomes new commander

By SGT. LATASHA WILLIAMS
Camp Shelby Public Affairs


Col. Thomas S. Hollis relinquished command responsibility to Col. Christopher S. Forbes on Aug. 4.

While thanking Hollis for his dedicated service over the past two years, Wendel said that Hollis’ persistent efforts improved our ability to certify trainers for the NATO training mission.

"Hollis was committed to the mission, always proactive, trained to standard and capitalized on every opportunity to make every unit we worked with better," said Wendel.

In the last two years, the brigade has contributed to the readiness of more than 80 units and almost 14,000 personnel trained for combat operation in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and the Horn of Africa.

Hollis compared himself to George Bailey in his favorite movie “It’s A Wonderful Life”. The character discovers one of the simplest, most rewarding acts we can do is in service to others. He said that being a soldier allows him to contribute something bigger than himself.

"I keep pinching myself wondering if it’s real," said Hollis, “I am living proof that dreams do come true.”

Hollis’ next duty assignment will be the chief of the Mission Command Center of Excellence at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Forbes, the incoming commander of the 158th Infantry Brigade, is a native of Greenville, SC. He recently served on the International Security Assistance Forces Joint Command Staff in Kabul as the Corps chief of future operations and the assistant Chief of Staff while in Afghanistan.

“My family and I are honored, humbled and excited to be part of the 158th Infantry Brigade, the Camp Shelby team, and part of 1st Army,” said Forbes.

Speaking to the soldiers of the 158th, Forbes said, “While not on the front lines today, our mission is vitally important. The training you provide the men and women going into combat is crucial to their success.”

The 158th Infantry Brigade trains, coaches and mentors Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors in support of our nation’s overseas contingency operations.
CSJFTC honors Blakely

By SGT. LATASHA WILLIAMS
Camp Shelby Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Larry Blakely was honored for his service to the Army at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Aug. 19. Family and friends celebrated Blakely’s retirement by honoring his accomplishments of 33 years of service.

He enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard on June 1, 1978. He began his service as a cannonner before becoming a wheel vehicle mechanic, a motor sergeant, and progressing to a senior maintenance supervisor.

Blakely entered active duty with the Directorate of Logistics at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in February 2004. He completed seven years of service as a key NCOIC with the Strategic-Air Team in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

“I have only one word to describe Blakely and that is dependable, because when he says he’s going to do something, you don’t have to worry about it anymore,” said Maj. Charles Clark, CSJFTC Installation Transportation Officer.

In this position, he developed effective procedures and executed movement of thousands of tons of mobilizing and demobilizing equipment. His achievements have been effective in coordinating with the US Air Force for movement of mobilized equipment overseas.

“I want to thank the Lord for blessing me in my career,” said Blakely.

Although he never deployed, Blakely said that he honored all soldiers wearing combat patches. He said that is one minor thing in his career that he doesn’t apologize for, but the ones who have deployed are the best soldiers in the world.

Blakely showed a testament of his character by recognizing his team and presenting them each with a Certificate of Achievement award during the ceremony.

The tank currently on display at the museum is the only remaining example of America’s first domestic production-model tank.

One of the most unique artifacts at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum is the M-2A2 tank. America’s first domestic production-model tank.

Production of the M-2A2 began at Rock Island Arsenal in 1936. In 1942, M-2A2s were declared obsolete but were still used by the Army until 1945 for various training functions.

At least one M-2A2 was assigned to the Flora Ordnance Training Center (Flora, Mississippi) for use in training.

The Ordnance Training Center closed with the end of the Second World War but one of the M-2A2 tanks remained abandoned in a wooded area on the site.

It remained there for more than thirty years until discovered by a high school student in 1977.

A few months later, a picture of the tank was published in a nationally distributed military magazine and later the Mississippi Army National Guard gained custody of the tank.

Since its discovery in 1977, the 1936 M-2A2 Model has undergone various cosmetic restorations. It became part of the museum’s collection in 1992, and in 2006, the museum began a project to uncover the entire story of America’s oldest tank.

Plans are ongoing for a more complete restoration and history of the only remaining example of America’s first production-model tank.

EANGUS holds 40th conference

By CMD. SGT. MAJ. STEVEN CHANCELLOR
Post Command Sgt. Major

EANGUS held its 40th Annual Conference 14-17 August 2011. The Mississippi National Guard NCO Association was well represented with 69 personnel in attendance and 46 delegates. It is of interest to note that the total number of delegates at the conference was 288. Mississippi represented 16 percent of the total delegates. Mississippi was once again the largest membership in the nation with over 8,900 members.

Sgt. Maj. Matt Martin was nominated and elected for the position of Area IV Director. Area IV covers a seven state area of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

The main focus during the conference was to place the Chief of the National Guard Bureau on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. EANGUS is confident that this will happen and allow the National Guard to be placed on same level with the other services. It was an outstanding conference and our state was well represented to include the State Command Sgt. Maj. George M. Miller and the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William Freeman.
Hammer Company renews affection for big guns

By STAFF SGT. THOMAS GREENE
278th Public Affairs

Company H, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, recently completed their two week annual training exercise at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The Tenn. Army National Guard unit from Rockwood, Tenn. trained the final two weeks of July performing tank gunnery qualification for the first time since before being deployed to Iraq in February, 2010.

Cpt. Kenneth Rivard of Knoxville, Tenn. is the commander of this tank company and said, “The purpose of this AT was to get our soldiers back into their combat mission training and into their military occupational specialty”.

“We’ve been away from the tank since 2008 and had a lot of personnel changes within the unit, but this gave us a chance to work together and identify strengths and weakness and I am pleased with the job the tank company did here.”

278th ACR Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Jennings of Clarksville, Tenn. said this particular qualification was the first step of many levels the tank company will fire in the next couple of years.

“This AT was a reset year after deploying and the soldiers are training for whatever future combat missions we could be called on”, said Jennings. While deployed these soldiers were operating other types of equipment than their main battle tank.

Staff Sgt. Michael Smith, 3rd platoon tank commander from Maryville, Tenn. said he had a new gunner this AT and was pleased with the way his crew came together during the firing exercise.

“Whether training or in combat your crew (TC, gunner, ammunition loader and vehicle driver) has to operate as a team. Any weakness or delay can cost time or create confusion and in combat this could be fatal.”

“The TC’s job is to command the crew and vehicle as well as identify and prioritize the order multiple targets are fired upon by giving (fire) commands,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Keith, headquarters platoon of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

“The gunner’s job is to scan and identify threats and targets and relay this information to the TC” said gunner Sgt. Bobby Johnson, headquarters platoon of Chattanooga.

“The TC will give the fire command including the target, type of ammunition and or weapon and I pull the trigger.”

Pfc. Brian Wilson, a 1st platoon loader from Kingston, Tenn. said he listens to the TC’s fire command, chooses the identified type of ammunition, loads it into the 120MM gun breach, shouts up!, and gets out of the way of the guns recoil.

Pvt. Jonathan Stinson, 1st platoon driver from Jamestown, Tenn. is the youngest member of Company H. He said he graduated from basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. in April of 2011.

Stinson said the driver’s job is to move the 62ton (empty) tank in a safe but expedient manner and to position it in a covered and concealed position exposing as little of the tank as possible to the enemy, but enough in order for the TC and gunner to be able to identify threats and targets.

Keith’s tank crew won regimental honors during the AT firing exercise. His crew consisted of Johnson as gunner, Spec. Josh Evans of Speedwell, Tenn. as loader and Spec. Charles Tuffeteller of Maryville, Tenn. as driver.
Drivers Needed

The Better Business Bureau is seeking drivers for a "Dinner Door" delivery service. Interested persons who would drive from Hattiesburg to Sumrall Medical Center. For more information, call 601-964-8201 or visit www.driverjobs.net.

GED Classes

The Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District is offering free GED classes in Forrest and Lamar Counties. Wear readiness skills training and job search assistance are also provided through the "Education for Employment" program. Individuals between the ages of 17-21 who have dropped out of school may also enroll. Classes are small and one-on-one instruction is given. For more information, call 601-549-0473 (Hattiesburg), 655-2734 (Jackson) or online, visit www. mississippiplan.org.

Boychoir Auditions

The Mississippi Boychoir kicks off its 17th year this fall with auditions for young men who perform across Mississippi and at out-of-town state music festivals. Rehearsals are held 2 nights a week from 7-9 p.m. in Hattiesburg. Registration for auditions is now under way. Interested men should call 601-549-0473 or visit www.mississippiboys.org.

Antiques & Collectibles and The Library of the South

The Lamar County Board of Supervisors and The Library of the South are hosting a meeting to identify and protect historic Saenger Theater. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 14 at the Lamar County Courthouse and will be preceded by the Lamar County Historical Society Awards. For more information, call 601-375-8980 or visit www.libraryofsouth.com.

Youth and Parenting Resource Center

The Youth and Parenting Resource Center is seeking new interns for the fall semester. They are seeking 5-6 interns to participate in the "Parenting: Helping Our Youngest Loved Ones" program to come back to campus in the spring. To apply, send a resume and letter of interest to Dr. positioned, you may call 601-549-0473 or visit www.usm.edu/engineering/cse.

JORT auditions

The JORT auditions are on July 22 and July 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The auditions are for the upcoming musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." For more information, contact Voluntary Medical Center. For more information, call 601-964-8222 or visit www.usm.edu/sustainability.

Drivers Needed

The Pine Belt Roll Call Bingo begins at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at The Sumrall Board of Education. The second Tuesday of the month. This is an opportunity to give away bingo cards and take a chance to win a book among other prizes. Participants are urged to bring a list of books that they would like to see at the library. The current condition. Non-member guests are welcome at a membership drop-in card (2 card limit for all players).

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By 2nd Lt. KEVIN McGEE
371st Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

With more than 1,300 Ohio soldiers at Camp Shelby, Post Pre-Mobilization Training and annual training, the Adjutant of the Task Force 2nd Lt. Steven Campbell, has the task of tracking all of the personnel details for the Ohio soldiers that are attending annual training in August.

The fact that Campbell is getting a lot of practice in his daily duties will assist him when he travels to Ft. Benning, Ga. to try-out for the All Army Soccer Team in October.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Mark Capponi, Task Force Commander at Camp Shelby is comprised of more than 200 soldiers from the 371st Sustainment Brigade based in Springfield and Newark, Ohio. The force is at Camp Shelby for most of August, September and October to provide logistical support and site control for the Pre and Post Mobilization Training of Ohio’s 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team that will deploy in the next few months. The job as Task Force 371st Sustainment Brigade that are part of Task Force Provider in Camp Shelby as well as the units of Task Force ROCC and Task Force Saber.

Like most of the Ohio Soldiers currently training at Camp Shelby, Campbell is here for his two week annual training period. Back in Ohio his typical M-Day in the 137th Brigade is Strength Management Officer in the Adjutant or 1-3-1 Shop. He also works at the Columbus Fort Harrison Operations Station where he works as the Operations Officer. It is very notable that 2nd Lt. Campbell’s invitation to tryout for the All Army Soccer Team has come about because he is a member of the Cincinnati Saints semi-professional soccer team. Campbell has enjoyed his time here at CSFFTC. He says in his visit, “Camp Shelby is a great place to work. The installation creates a great work environment and the full-time staff has really assisted our mission’s success. They make things happen for our Ohio units.”

2nd Lt. Campbell hails from Cincinnati, Ohio where his family includes his one-year old daughter Kaiyln Renee and her mother Amy. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Communications in 2008.

For nearly five years, Campbell has enjoyed his time at Ft. Benning, Ga. working for the 3rd Army and 4th Inf. Division. He was also a great work environment and the full-time staff has really assisted our mission’s success. They make things happen for our Ohio units.”

2nd Lt. Steven Campbell where he received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corp. He has attended basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. And Air National Guard School at Ft. Benning, Ga.
PUZZLES

This Week’s ANSWERS

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex: RAGINE becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any market! (Note: Hatler string as each contains more than one word (ex: HATLER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fill each string’s word either across or down to spell the twelve letter strings together.

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IRMTB donates school supplies

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On July 28, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center’s Individual Replacement Medical and Transition Battalion, also known as the Replacement Company, donated over 200 dollars worth of school supplies to N.R. Burger Middle School.

The items were presented to Linda Leggitt, the social worker of N.R. Burger Middle School. The items donated included notebooks, binders, paper, writing utensils, rulers, craft glue, crayons and folders. This is the second year in a row that the replacement company has donated supplies.

Capt. Bridgette Taylor and Sgt. Marieka Thompson contacted the school last year offering assistance.

“Since then we developed a relationship or partnership with the soldiers of the replacement company. We know that students do better when parents are involved in their education. When the community gets involved they can do even better,” said Leggitt.

“The supplies are for students who may not have what they need for a particular day or those whose parents cannot afford what they need. “Instead of teachers turning them out of the class because they don’t have something, we make sure they get what they need so they can stay involved in their class,” said Leggitt.

“I am proud of the replacement company for doing this,” said Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Perry Campbell, the command sergeant major of IRMTB.

“They get involved in various different events several times a year. Any time they get the opportunity to serve the community they do. The staff members are family and community oriented; they just have a heart to reach out,” he said.

Sanchez is museum’s new collections technician

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Heather Sanchez, a native of Laurel, has just been hired as a collections technician at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

Sanchez said she is currently familiarizing herself with the museum and the staff.

“The staff at the museum has been incredibly welcoming and supportive as I begin my time here. I look forward to continue getting to know my colleagues and learn from their various areas of expertise,” she said.

Her job requires her to work closely with the museum’s registrar, general conservator, arms conservator, archivist and curator in order to aid in preservation efforts and exhibit development.

Sanchez holds a bachelor’s degree in history and anthropology from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is currently finishing her curriculum for a master’s degree in cultural anthropology. She plans to graduate in December.

In her spare time she enjoys many diverse interests including watching and making documentaries, playing guitar and learning new instruments. She is currently teaching herself to play the mandolin and banjo.

She has been acting as an advocate for the Forrest County Environmental Support Team, an organization that focuses on environmental justice work, for the past four years.

She also admits that she is an avid world traveler.

“I am always planning my next trip,” she said, “I think France may be the next on my list. Crepes anyone?”

Her Family includes three rescue dogs and three rescue cats. She is very close to her mother, Teresa Sanchez, who is a Registered Nurse in Laurel. She has two brothers; Michael and Scott and a sister-in-law, Ashlie. Her stepfather, Sgt. Doug Laney is a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard and is currently serving in Afghanistan.