177 Harmored Brigade



Guide to Thrite

Welcome to the 177th AR BDE

On behalf of the 177th Armored Brigade Commander and CSM we extend a warm welcome to you and your family as you join the Spearhead Team. You are joining a highly trained team of professional Observer Coach/Trainers (OC/T) that are dedicated to ensuring that our COMPO 2 and 3 (National Guard and Reserves) partners receive the best coaching and mentoring the Army has to offer.

The 177th Armored Brigade's mission is to advise, assist, and train our partner units through multi-component integrated collective training IOT enable Army readiness objectives while maintaining the ability to conduct Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI) operations out of Camp Shelby, MS (CSMS) or any installation we are directed to provide support to.

CSMS is a National Guard installation with limited facilities when compared to Active-Duty installations. What CSMS lacks, the community more than makes up for it. Some challenges faced with Service Members while stationed here at CSMS include housing, medical, childcare, schools, and vehicle registration.

The BN and Section that you are going to be assigned to has identified a sponsor that will assist you with this process. Do not hesitate to reach out and utilize the knowledge your sponsor has of the area. Sponsors are a valuable resource, and their purpose is to ensure that your relocation to CSMS is pleasant and as trouble free as possible.

This Guide to Thrive has valuable information that answers most of the questions that you may have. Communication during this process is vital to ensure you and your family are taken care of appropriately. We are committed to providing the best possible assistance that you may require as you transition to CSMS and during your tour of duty while assigned here.

If you need any further assistance, contact your sponsor or the BDE S1 Team at 910-771-6221.

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Overview of Camp Shelby

Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) is primarily located in portions of Perry and Forrest Counties with a small portion in Greene County, in south Mississippi. The training center was established in 1917 in support of mobilization during World War I and it has served almost continuously since then as a training site, not only for the Reserve Components of the Army, but also for the Active Components of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The training site consists of a mix of State, Department of Defense, and U.S. Forest Service lands in the DeSoto National Forest.

Encompassing more than 134,000 acres (525 square kilometers), Camp Shelby can support BN level maneuver training, and has a wide range of training and logistical support facilities. It is a training ground for the M1 Abrams Tank, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, and M109A6 Paladin Howitzers and home to the 177th AR BDE. Camp Shelby serves as a training site for National Guardsmen and Reservists from throughout the country hosting as many as 100,000 personnel annually.

In addition to a slew of local amenities near post and the nearby city of Hattiesburg, MS, families can enjoy recreational opportunities locally – from New Orleans, LA to the west, the mountains of Tennessee to the North, the beautiful beaches to the South, and popular destinations such as Destin Florida to the East all within a day's drive. Continue reading for our in-depth guide on Camp Shelby, MS to help aid you in your transition to your new duty station.

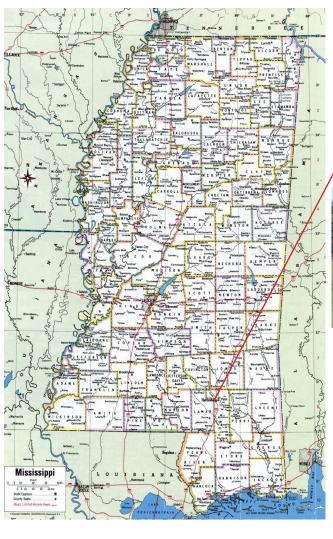


The Role of a First Army OC/T

- . Defined: Observer, Coach, Trainer (OC/T)
- The Old Way: Picture the old school CTC OC with his green notebook, scowl and lack of genuine concern for the success of the training unit organization.
- The New Way: Our goal is to support our US Army Reserve and National Guard partners (COMPO 2/3) in preparing for future deployments through mentorship, not overbearing criticism. First Army OC/Ts use interpersonal tack and professional candor to develop and sustain relationships built on trust and mutual respect to enable self-discovery learning through observations and AARs.

Where Is Camp Shelby?

Camp Shelby is located just South of Hattiesburg, MS in what is called the Pine Belt Region. The Pine Belt is a region in Southeast Mississippi. The region gets its name from the longleaf pine trees that are abundant in the region. In the years before Mississippi was discovered by Europeans, Native American tribes populated the state. Specifically in the Pine Belt region of Mississippi, the Natchez tribe resided. The Natchez provided a formidable challenge for French and Spanish settlers, but their population halved less than 15 years after contact with Europeans. Disease and warfare eventually forced them to settle with the Creek people or English colonists. The Mississippi Territory became a U.S. state in 1817, and the Pine Belt became more populated and Mississippi's main economical attribute next to agriculture. After the American Civil War, railroads were extended into the area. Hattiesburg has a wide variety of things to do, restaurants, and shopping. A good website to see all that the area has to offer is https://www.visithburg.org



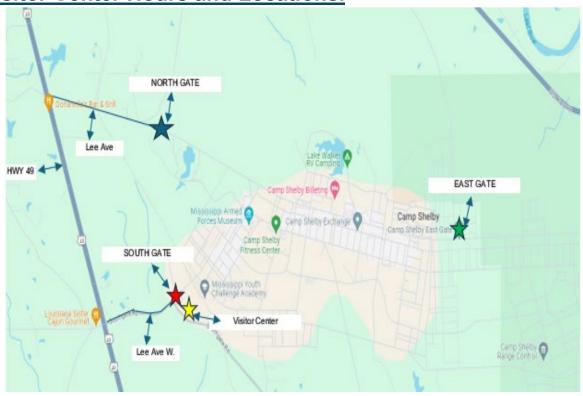
Welcome to Hattiesburg, MS!

Hattiesburg, MS is primarily in Forrest County and extending west into Lamar County. The city population was 46,377 in 2018 and is the fourth largest city in the state.



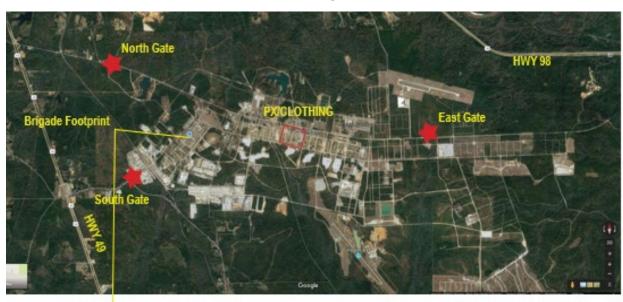
Camp Shelby is a Mississippi National Guard Installation and the 177th Armored Brigade is the only Active-Duty unit on the installation.

Camp Shelby Gates and Visitor Center Hours and Locations.



- Note First Time Visitors must utilize the South Gate to register at the Visitor Center.
 - South Gate and East Gate is opened 24/7.
 - Visitor Center is located outside the South Gate.
 - Visitor Center hours: Mon-Fri (0630-1800) and Sat (0800-1600) Sun (Closed). Proceed to the South Gate when the Visitor Center is closed.
 - Required items for Visitor Center Registration: CAC card, Driver's License, and Dependents ID cards.
- Any Dependent over 18 years old must register at the Visitor Center to gain access to Camp Shelby.
- For more information on gaining access to the Camp Shelby call 601-558-2065.
- North Gate hours: Mon-Sun (0600-1800). Closed on Federal Holidays.

177th Armored Brigade Footprint:





In processing 177th Armored Brigade

• BDE S1:

- Location/Hours: BLDG 701, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- Reporting: ALL Service Members (SM) on orders to Camp Shelby will report to BLDG 701 Forrest Ave Camp Shelby, MS. Even if FT. Novosel is stated in your orders, you DO NOT REPORT TO FT. Novosel. Soldiers arriving over the weekend should sign in that Friday or the following Monday.
- <u>Documents:</u> SM will provide a hard copy of orders and Approved IPPS-A House Hunting/PCS Absence forms to BDE S1.
- Brigade S1 will provide the in-processing checklist to all newly assigned Service Members. Service Member will turn-in the in-processing checklist to Brigade S-1 after the Service Member have in-processed all the sections in the Brigade and attended the Newcomer's brief.
- o IPPS-A PCS/Administrative Absence request information:
- All IPPS-A PCS Absence must end they day before your report date (i.e. If your orders state: Report Date: July 10,2024 then your PCS Absence End Date should reflect: July 09,2024).
- Service Members may elect to request IPPS-A Administrative House Hunting Absence from either the losing unit or gaining unit. The approving authority for this action will be the BN Commander and cannot exceed 10-days.
- If you elect to request Administrative House Hunting Absence and PCS Absence from your losing unit, both requests must be entered in the following order in IPPS-A: 1. Administrative House Hunting 2. PCS Absence
- Failure in following these procedures will delay your arrival in IPPS-A.
 Additionally the losing unit will have to re-approve all Absence Request before the gaining unit can arrive you in IPPS-A.

BDE S2:

- Location/Hours: BLDG 611, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- Required Documents:
- o Printed copy PCS Assignment Orders/ Amendments.
- o In-processing checklist.

BDE S3:

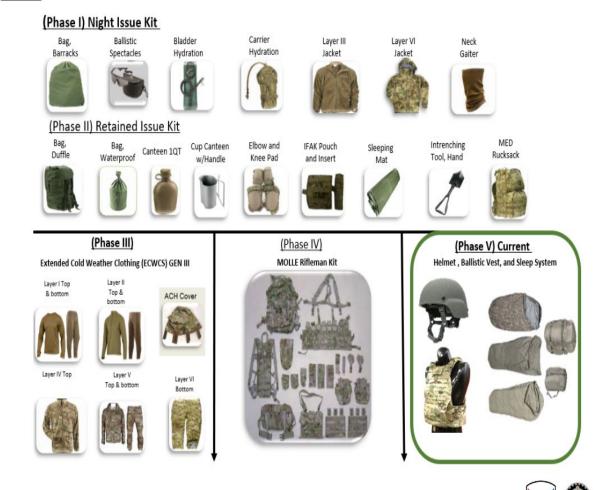
- o Location/Hours: BLDG 801, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- <u>DTMS:</u> See the DTMS Manager at BDE or BN level to ensure you are pulled into the 177th Armored Brigade DTMS system.

• BDE S4:

- o Location/Hours: BLDG 801, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- Brigade/Battalion S4 will ensure Service Members are transferred to current UIC and order any OCIE items not retained from previous duty station.
- IAW HQDA EXORD 159-23 SMs must PCS with the retain issue items below.
 SMs PCSing to Camp Shelby need to provide HQDA EXORD 159-23 to losing CIF to retain issue items.



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HQDA EXORD FOR CIF (Print and provide to outgoing CIF) IOT to carry CIF forward

• FRAGO 1 to HQDA EXORD 159-23 Conversion of Army Central <u>Issue 20240603.pdf</u>

BDE S6:

- Location/Hours: BLDG 503 Jackson Ave W. Hours: 0930-1400 Mon-Fri
- Before you PCS to Camp Shelby- ensure your losing unit (S6/NEC) has removed you from their "OU" and your ATCTS account has been moved to "Inactive Users".
- Upon arrival to 177th Armored Brigade, Service Members must complete the following requirements to establish a JBSA User Account:

- Cyber Awareness Training and sign the AUP located at https://cs.signal.army.mil/login.asp. Must be dated within 30-days of New User account request.
- 2875 (SARR)- User Account creation request.
- Submit 2875 to Battalion S6 rep (IMO) for processing.
- Please see Brigade S6 if you require SIPR access.
- If your position requires a GOV. cell phone, the following information must be provided to Brigade S6 via email: <u>usarmy.usarc.first-army-diveast.list.177-ar-in-bde-s6@army.mil</u>: User Email, Duty Title/ Position, & DODID number.

• BDE S8 Finance:

- o Location/Hours: BLDG 701, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- Required Documents:
- Printed copy PCS Assignment Orders/ Amendments
- o Printed copy of Approved IPPS-A Absence Request.
- o Receipts for reimbursable expense, i.e. airline tickets, tolls (When applicable)
- o Hotel receipts for Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) claim (When applicable)
- Privately owned vehicle (POV) registration and pick-up documentation (when applicable)
- Defense Travel System & Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) In-Process
 Packet
- o DOD (GTCC) Program Statement of Understanding
- Completer DA Form 5960- recertification of BAH
- See BN DTS manager for in-processing procedures for GTC account.

BDE UMT (Unit Ministry Team):

- Location/Hours: BLDG 886, corner of Halladan and Forrest Ave, across from Greer Chaple.
- Contact Information: The Brigade Chaplain may be contacted at 910-771-6320 (office) and 601-520-3669 (mobile).
- The 177th Armored Brigade UMT exists to provide religious support and ministry to all Soldiers and Family members assigned to the Spearhead Brigade. This support includes the following includes strategic worship opportunities, quarterly religious support events, religious/spiritual training, moral leadership training, pastoral care/counseling, martial counseling, suicide prevention, marital/family enrichment opportunities such as Strong Bonds events, crisis ministry, and spiritual fitness opportunities.
- Without permanently assigned personnel, Camp Shelby does not host weekly Chapel Worship Services. A vast array ofworship opportunities are provided thro ughout the Pine Belt region. Please contact the Brigade Chaplain for a directory of local churches and houses of worship that may serve you and your Family's spiritual needs.

BDE SARC Team:

- o Location: BLDG 703, Hours: 24/7
- The SHARP Program's mission: Reduce with an aim toward eliminating sexual offenses within the Army through cultural change, prevention, intervention, investigation, accountability, advocacy/response, assessment, and training to sustain the All-Volunteer Force.

Points of Contact

- o Brigade 24 hr. Helpline: 601-299-4591
- o Brigade SHARP SARC: Office (910) 771-6313, Cell (601) 549-9218
- o Hattiesburg Domestic Violence Unit: Office:601-554-7900 24-hour Dispatch: 911
- <u>Forrest General Hospital:</u> 6051 U.S. Highway 49, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (601) 288-7000
- Mississippi State Department of Health: 5008 Hwy 42, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- Pine Grove Mental Health 2255 Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402 (800) 321-8750

o **Events:**

- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) Entire Month of April
- Monthly Training for Battalion Representatives

Equal Opportunity (EO) Team:

- Location: BLDG 703, Hours: 24/7
- The EO Mission: Formulate, direct, and sustain a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential and to ensure fair treatment for all based solely on merit, fitness, and capability which all support readiness.
- o Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor: Office (910) 771-6317; Cell (601) 297-9548.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Suite 207 Jackson MS 39269, 1 (800)-669-4000.
- Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (same address as EEOC) (601)-965-4668 Assets Available.
- Key Areas to Visit: African American Military History Museum, 305 E 6th St.,
 Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (601) 450-1942 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians,
 101 Industrial Road, Choctaw, MS 39350 (601) 656-5251
 http://www.Choctaw.org

BDE Judge Advocate:

- o Location: BLDG 611, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- In-processing: Soldiers must review the current BDE policies and sign to acknowledge review during in-processing
- What does the Brigade Judge Advocate (BJA) do for the Soldiers in the brigade?
 The BJA can provide Soldiers and their Family members basic Soldier
 Readiness Processing (SRP) services, powers of attorney, wills, and notary
 services. The BJA typically cannot provide legal assistance beyond this limit.
- For all other legal issues please contact Fort Novosel or Keesler AFB (See below).

• Points of Contact:

- o 177th AR BDE BJA (910) 771-6214
- Fort Novosel Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (334) 255-2547, Building 5700
 Rm. 320
- o Fort Novosel Claims Office: (334) 255-2517
- Fort Novosel Legal Assistance: (334) 255-3482
- Fort Novosel Trial Defense Services (334) 255-3919
- Keesler AFB Legal Assistance Office- (228) 376-8601, 500 Fisher St., Bldg. 0801, Sablich Center, 2nd Floor, Rm. 226. By appointment or walk-ins on Thursdays 0930-1130.

• Wills and Powers of Attorney (POA)

 Keesler AFB Legal Assistance is the preferred provider of wills and estate planning support. They can provide simple wills, living wills and medical POAs to those eligible for legal assistance. Call (228) 376-8601 to schedule an appointment for your will.

• Brigade Medical Section:

- Location: BLDG 612. Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- o What can the Medical Section do for the Soldiers in the Brigade?
- Assist Soldiers with attaining school physicals (Airborne, Ranger, Warrant Officer)
- Assist Soldiers with navigating Tricare Prime Remote.
- Assist Soldiers with navigating the Active-Duty Dental Program (ADDP)
- Monitor and update BDE medical readiness.

• Medical Records:

- o Camp Shelby does not maintain Soldier's medical records.
- Medical records should remain at current location or be sent to Fort Eisenhower Medical records section with a copy of Soldiers orders.
- While at Camp Shelby your civilian medical records can be periodically update through Keesler AFB beneficiary services.
- Please reference Tricare portion on Guide to Thrive for information on "How To" establish Medical, Dental, and EFMP care while stationed on Camp Shelby, MS.

BDE Housing Program:

Welcome to the 177th Armored Brigade! Camp Shelby is an Army National Guard installation that <u>DOES NOT HAVE ON POST HOUSING.</u>

- Location: BLDG: 701, Hours: 0930-1600 Mon-Fri
- Primary Housing Manager: Mrs. Lucinda Pascarella, Cell: 254-599-5857 or email: lucinda.m.pascarella@usace.army.mil
- Alternate Housing Manger: MSG Blake Isbell, Cell: 601-520-4064 or email: blake.a.isbell.mil@army.mil

CALL AS FAR OUT AS YOU CAN TO BEGIN THE APPROVAL PROCESS AND TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT LEASED HOUSING PROGRAM FOR CAMP SHELBY.

- CSMS does not have on post housing, this always places stress on the Soldier and family.
 We want you to be as knowledgeable as possible to be able to make a good decision about housing for you and your family. We do have a great alternative which is the Government Leased Housing:
 - O Program is only for Active Duty and Active Guard Reserve Soldiers. Many Soldiers rent or purchase homes in the surrounding areas. During your home search, it is imperative that you leverage both the housing office and your assigned sponsor prior to arriving to ensure the quality of life, safety, and the wellbeing of our families assigned to the 177th Armored Brigade.

• Government Leased Housing Program:

- The Government Leased Housing Program consists of homes that the Army Corps of Engineers has leased in the communities surrounding Camp Shelby.
- When Soldiers receive their welcome packets from their sponsor, they are encouraged to begin communication with the Housing Staff. This allows the Housing Office to provide information to you about the various options you have available. You will receive a welcome packet with guidance on how to submit your housing application. The staff will review your application to determine the type of Housing that is available to you. If a determination is made that you qualify and are eligible for Government Leased Housing your application will be submitted for higher approval. Once approved, you are notified of the application approval. Once you arrive and sign-in off leave you should visit the Housing Office. There is a possibility that you will have multiple homes to choose from, however that is not always the case. Once you select a home, you will conduct a walk-through inspection and complete all necessary paperwork. Your BAH is stopped on the date you receive your keys to your leased house and your BAH is forfeited. The Government Lease includes electricity, water, and garbage pick-up. The Soldier is responsible for paying for telephone, cable, Internet, and any other amenities. If you do not like the homes that are available, you are authorized to decline housing and seek private rental housing. Note: Certain breeds of dogs are not allowed, including but not limited to Pit Bulls, Rottweiler's, and Doberman Pincher's, Wolf Hybrids, or any canine breed with dominate traits towards aggression. Additionally, you are only authorized 2 domestic pets.

• How do i qualify for Government Leased Housing?

Active Duty and AGR Soldiers may qualify for Government Leased. You must have family members that will be with you during your tour at Camp Shelby to request Government Lease Housing. Housing guidance requires the Housing Office to assist Soldiers in locating off post private rental housing first. To do this we will provide you the rate of your Basic Allowance Housing for the local area. The Army states is acceptable for one to expect to pay 10% above your BAH rate which is called your Out-of-Pocket Expense (OOP). We will provide you with the average cost of utilities, subtract it from the BAH plus 10% amount. You/we should search for a rental home that does not exceed this amount. If the Housing Office can find housing for that amount (BAH plus 10% minus the cost of utilities) or less, you do not qualify for the Leased Program. If you/Housing Office are unable locate housing (houses or apartments) for this rate or less, the Housing Office will apply and request Government Leased Housing for you.

• Single Soldiers Without Family Members or Soldiers That Do Not Qualify or Want Leased Housing:

- O If you are not authorized Family Government Leased Housing or do not wish to utilize the Leased Program, the Housing Office will provide you with several resources to include property management listings, websites and current rental listings. They can review listings with you and set up appointments for you with property managers, negotiate on your behalf. Please call the housing office
- O 30-60 days prior to your arrival to Camp Shelby. You will need to fill out the DD1746 Housing Application and email it back to us along with a copy of your orders. This will allow the housing office to prepare for your arrival. Call us and schedule an appointment so we can begin looking for rental options prior to your arrival.
- This is especially important if you require four bedroom or larger homes. There are a limited number of these homes throughout the area and the housing office may need additional time to prepare for your arrival.

Additional Housing Information:

How To Obtain Statistics In Neighborhoods You May Buy Or Rent A Home In:

www.Crimereports.com You will need a zip code or an address. It will show a list of crime reports. It will also show circles on the map. Each circle represents a crime. If you click on the circle on the map it will provide information on the crime reported.

www.neighborhoodscout.com This website shows you statistics and alerts on Real Estate, demographics, crimes, schools, trends & forecasts.

www.familywatchdog.us Family Watchdog is a free service to help locate registered sex offenders in an area you are looking to rent or purchase a home.

Zip Codes:

Hattiesburg-39401 and 39402 (Oak Grove area)

Petal-39465 Purvis- 39475

Sumrall- 39482 Wiggins-39577

Gulfport: 39501,39502, 39503, 39505, 39506, 39507, 39532 Biloxi- 39530, 39531, 39532, 39533, 39534, 39535, 39540

Population:

Counties/Cities in the Hattiesburg Area are: Forrest County – Hattiesburg, Petal

Lamar County - Oak Grove Area, Purvis, Sumrall

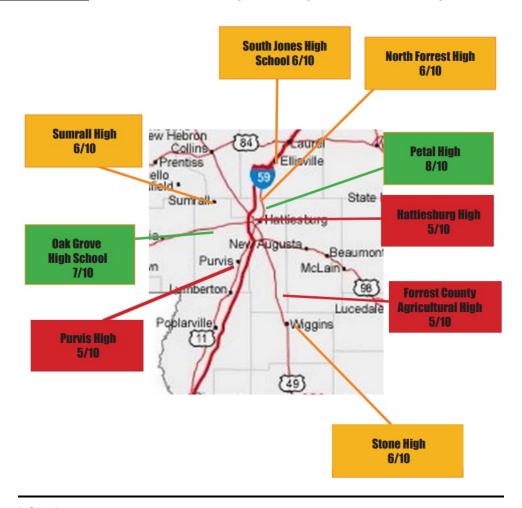
Stone County - Wiggins Perry County - New Augusta Harrison County – Gulfport, Biloxi

www.city-data.com/city/- add zip code to search bar and it will provide population, # of houses and condos, renter occupied apartments, % of renters and many other things.

- Keesler Air Force Base and the Gulfport Navy base offer On-post Housing.
 However, Service members stationed at Camp Shelby have a lower priority on their housing waiting lists.
- Kessler AFC: POC: Leasing: 228-206-1734 or website: https://www.keeslerfamilyhousing.com/contact-us
- **Gulfport Navy Base:** POC: Leasing: 228-863-0424 or website: https://www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com/

Schools & Childcare

• School Ratings: Below is a school listing and ratings for the Hattiesburg, MS area.



School Choice:

- Purpose: Students of active-duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice.
- Obescription: House Bill 1341 will slightly revise residency requirements for an existing "open enrollment" pathway to allow children of active service members and civilian military personnel greater flexibility in transferring school districts. Under HB 1341, military families could transfer their child(ren) to any traditional public school in the state, provided that the receiving school district has the capacity to accept the student(s). Additionally, the bill specifies that a transferor district would not be required to provide transportation to the transferee district and that eligible students could only transfer once per academic year. Last updated on 20240420.
- Website: HB 1341 History of Actions/Background (state.ms.us)

Hattiesburg School websites:

LAMAR COUNTY DISTRICT https://www.lamarcountyschools.org/ Hattiesburg in Oak Grove Area Longleaf Elementary School, Grades K-5

Oak Grove Primary, Grades K-1st

Oak Grove Lower Elementary, Grades 2-3

Oak Grove Upper Elementary, Grades 4-5

Oak Grove Middle School, Grades 6-8

Oak Grove High School, Grades 9-12

Purvis

Purvis Lower Elementary, Grades K-2nd

Purvis Upper Elementary, Grades 3rd-5th

Purvis Middle School, Grades 6th-8th

Purvis High School, Grades 9-12

Lamar County Center for Technical Education, Grades 9-12

Sumrall

Sumrall Elementary School, Grades K-5

Sumrall Middle School, Grades 6-8

Sumrall High School, Grades 9-12

Baxterville/Lumberton

Baxterville School K-8th in

FORREST COUNTY https://fcsd.us/

- North Hattiesburg Area
- North Forrest Elementary, K-8
- North Forrest High School, Grades 9-12
- Rawls Springs Attendance Center, K-6
- South Hattiesburg Area
- Earl Travillion, Grades K-8
- o Dixie Attendance Center, Grades K-8 (Dixie, near Camp Shelby)
- Petal Primary, Grades K-2
- Petal Upper Elementary, Grades 3-5
- o Petal Middle, Grades 6-8
- o Petal High, Grades 9-12
- o Brooklyn, MS
- South Forrest, Grades K-8
- High School in Brooklyn MS, however not part of Forrest County School District Forrest County Agricultural High, Grades 9-12

HATTIESBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT https://www.hattiesburgpsd.com/

- Hattiesburg Elementary Schools, Grades K-6
- Burney Elementary
- Grace Christian Elementary School
- Hawkins Elementary
- Rowan Elementary
- Woodley Elementary
- Thames Elementary
- Middle School
- N R. Burger Middle School 7-8
- High School Hattiesburg High

Other Schools

- Mary Bethune Alternative School
- Presbyterian Christian School PCS (Private)
- Central Baptist School
- Word of Faith Christian Academy
- Sacred Heart Catholic School (Private)
- o Montessori Children's House

HeadStart

- Pine belt Early Head Start Program
- http://pinebelt-headstart.org/ 100 West Front Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Requirement to establish residency.

o Each school's website provides detailed information for school enrollment and what that involves.

Additional Registrations Requirements and Things to know:

- There is a requirement to take a copy of your child's vaccination records to the local health department in MS so they can transcribe the shot record onto the Mississippi form (MS121). This can impact enrollment into school, daycares, programs, etc.
- o Enrollment requirements will vary for each school across the area.
- Daycare centers for young children do not generally open until 0630-0700.
- Colleges: http://www.collegesimply.com/colleges-near/mississippi/hattiesburg

• Community colleges

- Pearl River Community College
- o Antonelli College
- Jones County Junior College
- Southwest Mississippi Community College

Four-year institutions

- University of Southern Mississippi
- William Carey University
- **Day Care** (There is no On-Post Daycare)
 - o https://childcarecenter.us/mississippi/hattiesburg ms childcare
 - Procedures for enrollment vary on the Childcare Facility
 - Army Childcare Fee Assistance provides authorized AC/RC personnel in locating, selecting, and offsetting the cost for off post childcare.
 - http://usa.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/military-families/army

Medical, Dental, & EFMP

• While Assigned to Camp Shelby You and Your Family Will be on Tricare Prime Remote.

• What is Tricare Prime Remote?

- TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) provides healthcare coverage through civilian providers for those U.S. Uniformed Service Members, activated guard & reserve members, retirees, and families on remote assignment. You must live AND work MORE than 50 miles or approximately one hour's drive time from the nearest Military Treatment Facility. TRICARE Prime Remote is offered in the 50 United States only.
- TRICARE Prime Remote meets the requirements of minimum essential coverage for the Affordable Care Act. Permanently assigned Active-Duty members and their families.
- Permanently assigned Active-Duty Service members and their family must live AND work more than 50 miles or approximately one hour's drive time from the nearest Military Treatment Facility (MTF).
- o The nearest MTF is at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS.
- Active-duty family members are eligible to enroll in if they reside with their sponsor in a TPR location and the sponsor is eligible for TPR. The Service member must be eligible for TPR for family members to be eligible.
- Guard/Reserve members and their families Guard/Reserve members and their families.
- Guard/Reserve members are eligible for TPR if activated for more than 30 consecutive days. Members must live AND work more than 50 miles or approximately one hour's drive time from the nearest MTF. It is key that you properly register your residence address in DEERS!
- Guard/Reserve family members' eligibility requires that they and the Service member "reside with" one another in a TPR ZIP code. If the sponsor is deployed, the family member remains eligible unless they move.



TRICARE is managed in two separate regions, with two new regional contractors. Humana Military manages the new East Region, while Health Net Federal Services, LLC manages 20 States in the West Region. The East Region contract covers approximately six million TRICARE beneficiaries in a 30-state region (including D.C.).

Tricare Prime Remote Issues – All issues involving Service, Medications, Co-pays, Referrals, Eligability, etc.

Tricare East Support: 800-444-5445 Website: www.humanamilitary.com

Medical and Dental How it works!

- You will have to select a Primary Care Manager (PCM) in your local area who will provide most of your care. Your PCM will see you first for your health care needs they:
 - o Provide and/or coordinate your care.
 - Maintain your civilian health records.
 - o Refer you to specialists, if necessary
 - o Work with your regional contractor for referrals / authorization
 - o Help you find a TRICARE network specialist.
 - File your claims with TRICARE

How to enroll & select a PCM:

- For information on how to enroll see the Humana Military website: https://www.humanamilitary.com/ or call at 1-877-249-9179.
- For information on how to select a PCM see the Humana Military website: https://www.humanamilitary.com/provider-locator •
- There are no enrollment fees for TRICARE Prime Remote or out-of-pocket costs if your care is provided by your PCM or with a referral. Care received without a referral is subject to a point-of-service fee. If there is ever a question about a payment contact Tricare East Support, 800-444-5445, https://www.humanamilitary.com/

• Local Hospitals:

- o Forrest County Forrest General Hospital (Primary Hospital for the Region):
- https://www.forresthealth.org/our-locations/forrest-general-hospital/
 Forrest General Hospital- (601) 288-7000
- o Hattiesburg Main Clinic- (601) 264-6000

After-hour clinics:

- o Immediate Care- (601) 261-3737
- o Petal Family Practice Clinic- (601) 544-7404

Lamar County:

o Merit Health Wesley Main- (601) 268-8000

• After-hour clinics:

o Family Practice After-Hour Clinic- (601) 261-5710

Stone County:

- Stone County Hospital- (601) 928-6600
- o Wiggins Clinic-Hattiesburg Clinic- (601) 928-4412
- Wesley Primary Care & Urgent Care (After- Hours) (601) 928-9674

Local Clinics and Primary Care Information

- o Hattiesburg Clinics
- o Petal Family Medicine
- Purvis Family Practice Clinic
- Prentis Family Practice Clinic
- Sumrall Medical center
- o Poplarville Clinics
- o Bellevue Family Medicine

- o Picayune Family Practice Clinics
- For additional information for Hattiesburg Clinics, please call 601-264-6000.

• Merit Health Wesley

o For additional information for Merit Health Wesley, please call 601-296-3318.

IRIS:

- For Soldiers and Families on TRICARE Prime Remote using Forrest General Hospital and Hattiesburg Clinic health facilities, IRIS is a phone App for your healthcare information.
- Your Online Patient Portal: IRIS is a free and secure online platform that allows you to access your health information and communicate with your provider. Forrest Health's IRIS is part of a system-wide electronic health record system available at all Forrest Health and Hattiesburg Clinic facilities.

Pharmacy TRICARE

o If you are enrolled in any TRICARE health plan you are automatically enrolled in a pharmacy program. There are 2 different pharmacy programs:

• TRICARE Designated Pharmacy Program -

 This provides the prescription drugs you need, when you need them, in a safe, easy, and cost-effective manner. See next page for a list of supporting pharmacies in the area.

TRICARE Maintenance Medications Program –

All Soldiers and family members taking select maintenance medications must receive refills via TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery (Express- Scripts (877) 363-1433) or use a military pharmacy (Keesler Air Force Base) instead of using retail pharmacies. Service members and Families may be subject to co-pay if they elect to receive nonformulary medications, certain brand name medications and or use non-networked pharmacies that would range from \$11-53 dollars." "Prescriptions are filled on Keesler Air Force Base at NO COST to the Soldier or Family Member.

Tricare Active-Duty Dental Program (ADDP).... What is ADDP?

- The ADDP provides authorized private sector dental benefits under two distinct components for Active-Duty Service Members (ADSMs) who are either: Referred from a military dental treatment facility (DTF) (DTF-referred) or reside and work (duty location) greater than 50 miles from a military DTF as part of the Remote Active-Duty Dental Program (Remote ADDP). United Concordia pays claims for authorized dental care.
- Treatment must be provided by a United Concordia network dentist to be eligible for payment.

Eligibility –Who is eligible?

- o The ADDP is available to ADSMs of the Uniformed Services to include:
- Service Members to include U.S. Army, National Guard, Reserves called or ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days and "Early Activators."
- o Family members of uniformed services personnel.
- Line of Duty (LOD) service members** Note: ** LOD documentation must be submitted to United Concordia prior to receipt of private sector dental care. Submission is NOT considered authorization.

• Eligibility –Who is not eligible?

 National Guard and Reserve service members who are not on active duty for more than 30 days, Former spouses, Parents, and parents-in-law Disabled veterans

<u>Tricare Prime for Service Members living near the MS coast, Kesseler AFB, and Gulfport Navy Base</u>

 Active-duty personnel and their dependents must enroll in TRICARE at their current medical treatment facility (MTF). After enrollment, active-duty personnel receive TRICARE Prime with no out-of-pocket costs for health care. Active-duty dependents, retirees and retiree dependents may choose from one of the three options. Active-duty dependents enroll in TRICARE Prime at no cost, while retirees and their dependents share the cost with the government.

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT

- Keesler Air Force Base is in the TRICARE SOUTH region. If moving from another installation, it is recommended that beneficiaries move their enrollment within 30 days of arriving at Keesler.
- All TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries who want to be seen at the 81st Medical Group must register in Keesler CHCS (the hospital computer system). All activeduty members assigned to Keesler must enroll in TRICARE Prime at Keesler.
- Eligible family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime (enrollment required) or choose to use TRICARE Standard and Extra (no enrollment required).

• Registration - All beneficiaries

o To register, report to:

81st Medical Group Keesler Hospital System

Location at the 81st MDG, Beneficiary Services

Phone: 376-4742/4743. (DSN: 591)

Open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday

Enrollment - Active Duty assigned to KAFB and eligible family members must call

Phone: 1-800-444-5445 option Enrollment

Open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday

All other beneficiaries, including retirees: must call 1-800-444-5445

Links

- Keesler Hospital local MTF information: https://keesler.tricare.mil/News-Gallery
- TRICARE South Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.1-800-444-5445
 https://www.humanamilitary.com/

Getting Copies of Medical Records

Release of information is located on the Keesler Hospital ground floor in Beneficiary Service front desk. Per AFI 41-210, original medical records are property of the government. You may request a copy of your records with proper identification. Please allow 20 business days to process your request. If the records are needed for a civilian provider, immediately notify Referral Management to ensure the information is available for the appointment. Referral Management is are located on the first floor in room 1A230. They may be reached at 376-0490. NO ONE is allowed to hand-carry records to downtown appointments. Request forms in the TRICARE Office at the Medical Records desk. Be sure to include an accurate phone number and address on the request so you may be contacted it needed. Patients assigned to the Flight Medicine Clinic will obtain a copy of their medical record through Flight Medicine only.

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Post Amenities

Camp Shelby DEERS/ID Card Office

- o Location: Building 6519/Warehouse Avenue
- o Hours: Monday-Friday (0730-1200) and (1300-1530). Closed on Federal Holidays.
- o For more information call: (601) 558-2269 or (601) 558-2957

• Camp Shelby PX:

- o Location: Building 2600/Jackson Avenue
- o Hours: Monday-Friday (0800-1800), Saturday-Sunday (0900-1600)
- o For more information call: (601) 582-0801
- o Note: Limited Items available. Small building.

• Camp Shelby Barber Shop

- o Location: Building 2502/Jackson Avenue
- o Hours: Monday-Friday (0800-1630)
- o For more information call: (601) 558-2168

Pool:

- o Location: BLDG 1482 9th St.
- o Hours: May-Aug Times/Days hours vary.

• Gym

- o Location: BLDG 1440 Forrest AVE
- Hours 0600-1800 Mon-Fri, May-Aug 0530-2000 7 days a week. Closed on Federal Holidays.

Tailor and Sewing

- o Location: BLDG 2500, Jackson AVE
- o <u>Hours</u>: Tues-Fri 0900-1700

Mississippi Armed Forces Museum

- o Location: Building 850 / Forrest Avenue
- o Hours: Tuesday-Saturday (0900-1600)
- o For more information call (601) 558-2757

Camp Shelby Military and Family Assistance Center

- o Location: Building 1302 / Jackson Avenue
- Hours: Monday (0700-1530), Tuesday-Saturday (0700-1630), Closed Mississippi Mondays
- o For more information call (601) 558-2404

USO

- o Location: Building 2709 / Adjacent to the Exchange Parking Lot
- o Hours: Monday-Friday (1000-1700)
- o <u>Please call or text the USO at:</u> (601) 447-9999 to verify operating hours or to request additional hours based on unit needs.
- Note: The USO may be open in the evenings and on additional weekends as volunteers become available.

All-Ranks Club

Location: Building 2100 / 21st Street

- Hours: Monday-Friday (1100-1330), Bar: Monday-Saturday (1600-2300) Kitchen closes at 2100, Closed Mississippi Mondays
- o For more information call (601) 558-2749
- o Note: The All-Ranks Club does accept catering and special events requests.

Military Clothing Sales Store:

- o Location: Building 2501/Jackson Avenue
- o Hours: Tuesday-Friday (0900-1700), Saturday (0900-1500)
- o For more information call: (601) 545-7060

Alteration Shop:

- Location: Building 2502/Jackson Avenue
- o Hours: Monday-Friday (0900-1700)
- o For more information call (601) 558-2588

Post Lodging/Billeting:

o Camp Shelby has "NO" permanent Housing & "NO" Family Housing. Soldiers with family are advised to make temporary housing arrangements before reporting.

• On Post Temporary Lodging:

- Reservations: Call 601-558-2540 or online at http://ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/housing/Pages/Facilities-Information.aspx
- <u>Location:</u> Camp Shelby Housing/Billeting Office, Building 2101, Camp Shelby, MS 39407.
- Hours: Monday Sunday 0730 1600.
- After Duty Hours: If you made prior reservations, your key will be at Building 6606, MP Station, South Gate Entrance. Cp Shelby Lodging/Billeting Options

RV parking –

 RV sites are available at Walker Lake on Camp Shelby. Reservations are made through the Post Lodging at 601-558-2540. RV sites are designated as part-time, fulltime, and overnight spots. Call lodging to request a reservation.

Recreation:

- <u>Fishing:</u> Lake Dogwood and Lake Walker (Boat rental available through MWR at 601-558-2397). No fishing license needed for military members and no power boats are allowed.
- Hunting: Hunting is allowed within the Camp Shelby training area to all hunters during hunting season with a valid Mississippi hunting license. For more information call: 601-558-2827.

Local Amenities and Events

• <u>Transportation:</u>

Airport Services:

- o The Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport (PIB) serves a ten-county region from
- Its convenient location just off Interstate 59 between Hattiesburg and Laurel.
 Location: 1002 Terminal Drive, Moselle, MS 39459. Website: http://www.flypib.com/
 - The Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport is the closet airport with flights throughout the
- US and international Flights. Location: 14035 L Airport Road, Gulfport, MS 39503.
- Website: http://www.flygpt.com/

Train Services:

Amtrak's Crescent Route travels from New Orleans to New York, with passenger stops at the H
attiesburg Train Depot. Crescent Route stops and times: https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/projects/dotcom/english/public/documents/timetables/Crescent-%20Schedule-050118.pdf

• Shopping and Grocery Stores:

- Shopping Mall. Turtle Creek Mall is an enclosed shopping mall in the Oak Grove area of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, United States. Opened in 1994, it is anchored by Belk, Dillard's, At Home, JC Penney, and Stein Mart. 1000 Turtle Creek Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.
- General Shopping. Hattiesburg has about every major store you can think of and most shopping is located on Hardy Street / Hwy 98.
- Grocery Stores. The Hattiesburg and Petal areas of Mississippi have a wide selection of grocery stores. Walmart (3 in the area), Winn Dixie, and The Corner Market are the better stores in the area. The Lil' Butcher Shop on HWY 11 offers quality meats at fair prices.
- Commissary. The closest commissary is at Keesler AFB and the Gulfport Navy Base.

Pet Boarding:

- o Okatoma Boarding Kennel 342 Lux Rd, Hattiesburg, MS 601-582-4153
- o Animal Medical Center of Hattiesburg 3422 Hardy St, Hattiesburg, MS 601-264-5785
- Hawkins Boarding Kennel 196 Springfield Rd, Petal, MS 39465
- Canine Country Club, Inc. 306 Cox Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 601-268-1999 (\$10 military per day)
- Veterinary Associates 1907 Broadway Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 601-261-0973

MWR Ticket Offices:

- Keesler AFB information Tickets & Travel Located inside the Base Exchange
- at 506 Larcher Blvd Biloxi, MS 39534 https://keesler81fss.us/ITT2.html 228-377-3818
- NCBC (Navy) Gulfport Information Tickets & Travel 5303 Second Street, Bldg 365
 Gulfport, MS 39501 https://www.navymwrgulfport.com/ 228-871-2231

• Keesler AFB – MWR Outdoor Recreation

- Keesler AFB has a great outdoor recreation program available to our Soldiers. They rent boats and often plan deep-sea fishing, scuba classes, and other fun outdoor events.
- Website: https://www.discoverkeesler.com/outdoor-recreation.
- o Address: 625 Marina Dr, Bldg. 6726 Keesler AFB, MS 39534
- o Hours of Operation: Mon 10 am 6 pm / Wed Sun 10 am 6 pm

• Sports Teams in the Area:

- University of Southern Mississippi (USM or Southern Miss). The Southern Miss Golden Eagles' football, basketball and baseball games are a great opportunity to see college level sports. Website http://www.southernmiss.com/
- Biloxi Shuckers. Minor League baseball team in Biloxi, MS. The team is a
 Double- affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers and is a member of the Southern League
 Website http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t5015
- Mississippi Braves. Minor League baseball team in Pearl, MS near Jackson. The team is the Class AA affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, and plays in the Southern

• Events:

 The City of Hattiesburg hosts numerous family friendly events throughout the year typically listed on: www.visithburg.org.

• Spring:

Street Festivals · Live at 5 Outdoor Concerts · Hattie Hundred Cycling Race · Hub Fest · National Travel & Tourism Week · Rise and Shine Half Marathon, 10K, & 5K · Free Comic Book Day · Irish-Italian Festival •

Summer:

o Farmer's Market · Summer Tunes · Star-Spangled Celebration · Craft Beer Fest · Mississippi Miss Hospitality Competition · Festival South (Two Weeks!) · Best of the Pine Belt · Dog Days 5K · Downtown BBQ Showdown

• Fall:

 Live at 5 Outdoor Concerts · Mobile Street Renaissance Festival · ZooBoo · Rocky Horror at the Saenger · HBURG Restaurant Week · Avenues Halloween Parade · Homebrew Competition · Women's Expo · Friday Night at the Fountain · Brown Bag Concert Series · Bourbon Celebration · Shop Small Saturday •

• Winter:

 Holiday Open House · Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade · Olde Tyme Christmas · Pine Belt Holiday Expo & Market · ZooLights · Victorian Candlelit Christmas · Ghosts of Christmas Past Walking Tours

Family things to do:

- Hattiesburg Zoo. The Hattiesburg Zoo is a small 12-acre zoo located within Kamper Park in Hattiesburg. The Zoo also has a High Ropes Adventure Course. Open every Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Location: 107 S 17th Ave, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Website http://www.zoohattiesburg.com/
- Paul B. Johnson State Park. Paul B. Johnson State Park is a public recreation area on the shores of Geiger Lake, located off U.S. Highway 49 approximately 10 miles south of Hattiesburg. Cabins and RV parking available, open 24 hours. Location: 319 Geiger Lake Rd, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.
- Up Down Trampoline Park. Roomy indoor trampoline park, also offering laser tag, fitness classes & a snack bar. Location: 101 S 41st Ave, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.
 Website http://updowntrampolinepark.com/
- Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum is located at Camp Shelby, approximately 12 miles south of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Armed Forces Museum serves as the military history museum for the State of Mississippi.
 Website https://www.armedforcesmuseum.us/

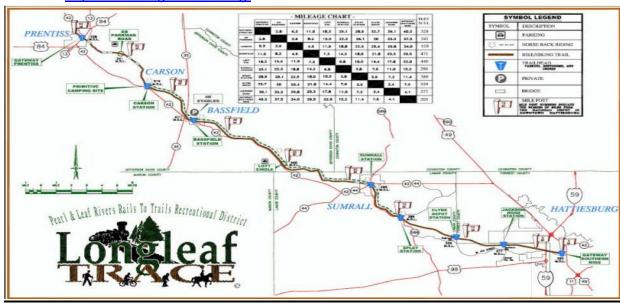
- Grand Paradise Waterpark. Water park with tropical island theme offers myriad rides for all ages, a food court & more. Location: 50 Grandview Drive, Collins, MS 39428.
 Website http://grandparadisewaterpark.com
- Pep's Point Waterpark Adventures. Location: 382 Peps Point Road, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pepspoint/

Movie Theaters.

- Turtle Creek 9. Located in Turtle Creek Mall. Nice theater with recliners for seating.
 Website http://hattiesburg.southwesttheaters.com/
- The Grand 18. Located near the intersection of I-59 and Hwy 98 (Hardy Street).
 Website http://www.thegrandtheatre.com/

• The Longleaf Trace.

- The Longleaf Trace is a 41-mile (66 km) paved pedestrian, equestrian, rollerblade, and bicycle trail located between Hattiesburg and Prentiss, Mississippi, USA. It follows a portion of the abandoned Mississippi Central Railroad line. It has nine stations along its route. Trail access is from public road access points only, located an average of 5 miles (8.0 km) apart. The following roads hold a rest stop and parking lot accessing the Trace. In Hattiesburg: University of Southern Mississippi, West 4th street and Jackson Road.
- Website: http://www.longleaftrace.org/



Additional Resources

• Seeking Help:

 Camp Shelby operates a Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC). This building is #1302 and is located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and 14th Street.

• Below are some of the programs located in the SFAC:

- Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLC)
 - Provides short-term, non-medical counseling services to service members and their Families. Phone: 601 287- 2805 or 2414
- Mississippi Military Department Outreach Services on Camp Shelby (SFAC)
 - Substance Abuse Counselor, Drug dependency counseling: Phone: 601-558-2427 571-326-7455 (cell).
- Suicide Prevention Training and Resiliency
 - Suicide Prevention is a continuum of awareness, intervention, and postvention to help save lives. Prevention refers to all efforts that build resilience, reduce stigma, and build awareness of suicide and related behaviors. Phone: 601-558-2538 / 601-325-5844 (cell).
- Family Assistance at Camp Shelby
 - Assist Soldiers and their Families with issues such as Temporary Pay Issues
 - Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Crisis Assistance Food Pantry Phone: 601-558-2883 or 601-606-5421 (cell)
- Family Advocacy Program (FAP) at Fort Novosel
 - FAP helps Soldiers and Families recognize and meet the unique challenges of military lifestyles. Services include seminars, workshops, counseling, and intervention to help strengthen Army Families, enhance resiliency and relationship skills and improve quality of life. FAP is dedicated to helping Soldiers and Families with the complex challenges related to domestic abuse, child abuse, and neglect. They focus on prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention, and treatment. Victim Advocacy Program 24 Hour Helpline: 334-379-7947 Location: Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700 Rm. 350, Fort Novosel, AL.

Conclusion

PCS orders are a recurring part of military careers and thousands of service members receive PCS orders every year. So, make sure to check out AHRN's relocation tips and COVID-19 updates from Camp Shelby MWR's Relocation Readiness Program to stay-up to date on everything you to take command of your relocation. In addition to moving tips, read up on travel restrictions that may impact your PCS move.