

5th BRIGADE

United States Navy personnel. The Brigade's Practical Nursing (91C) Detachment conducts its annual training at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. The Air Force Medical Center at Keesler and the Veteran's Administration Hospitals at Gulfport and Biloxi offer the necessary clinic training experiences required for our 91C students.

Multiple classes i.e. year groups are conducted during the AT period. The collaboration between the Air Force Medical Center, the Veteran's Administration, and our Detachment is exceptional. Annual training 2000 saw the Brigade graduate its first class of 91C.

Combat Medic (91B) training is conducted at Fort Gordon, Ga. Three to four phase of 91B MOS and NCO Education System training are routinely conducted during annual training. The DEPMEDS facility at Fort Gordon provides excellent classroom and materiel support to ensure an outstanding learning experience. The three day

field training exercise is always a highlight for the Brigade and the students. The exercise brings to life the classroom knowledge and allows the combat medics an opportunity to practice their skills in a field environment.

Major changes

Work has begun on renovating the Brigade's reserve center. The center, located on Naval Support Activity-Mid South, was a former naval billet and in need of extensive repairs. The division has facilitated the support of the 81st Regional Support Command to upgrade the facility. The brigade will no longer share the facility with other units, but will become the sole tenant. A new 12 workstation distance learning classroom will be created, and general refurbishing of the building will create an outstanding Reserve Center.

Soldiers

Sgt. First Class Billy Wesson, Instructor 8th Battalion (HS)

receives The Tennessee Volunteer Commendation Award. Wesson is professor of reading at Jackson (Tenn.) State Community College. Wesson received the gubernatorial commendation award and a \$25,000 donation to establish the Billy Wesson Scholarship Fund at Jackson State that will fund three full scholarships annually.

Wesson was recognized for working with Mark White, a young man determined to receive a college degree while struggling with a learning disability. Wesson's coaching, mentoring, and friendship helped Mark realize his goal in May, 2000 when he received an Associate Degree from Jackson State Community College.

"This is not unusual for Mr. Wesson. He just takes students under his wing," said JSCC President Dr. Charlie Roberts. "I find him early in the morning and late at night helping students to further themselves."

6th BRIGADE: Louisville, Ky.

The command

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Subordinate units

- 10th Battalion (CAS3), Lexington, Ky.
- 9th Battalion (C&GS), Nashville, Tenn.
- Drill Sergeant School, Fort Knox, Ky.
- NCOES Detachment, Louisville, Ky.

The mission

As part of the the Total Army School System (TASS), the 6th Brigade's mission is to set the benchmark for other professional development brigades through quality education of both active and Reserve officers, NCOs, and soldiers for a trained and ready Army.

The Brigade teaches Combined Arms and Services Staff School(CAS3), Command and General Staff Officers course and NCOES courses throughout the four state area of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. It also and provides

Drill Sergeant training at Ft Knox, Ky.

Outreach programs

■ Sponsorship and participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event in May 2001, at Floyd Central High School, Floyd Knobs, Ind.

■ Community Outreach Event for June 2001, will feature IDENTI-KID program and other events for children.

■ Soldiers and family members of the 6th Brigade collected gifts in support of the Toys-for-Tots program in November and December 2000.