

# Jackson selected for Brigade Command



**COLONEL G. TORRIE JACKSON, JR.**

Colonel (COL) G. Torrie Jackson, Jr., a school administrator in the Holmes County Consolidated School District, has been selected for Brigade Command in the United States Army Reserve. COL Jackson will command the 3rd Brigade of the 94th Training Division, located in Indianapolis, IN.

COL Jackson said, "It is always an honor to be selected for leadership. I thank God because very few Officers are afforded the opportunity

to lead at the brigade level. Leadership can be challenging at times, yet enjoyable when you love what you do. I enjoy helping others achieve success. There is no better position to be in than leading an effort that creates success for others, and at the same time success for myself."

COL Jackson, a recent graduate of the United States Army War College - Resident Course, Carlisle, PA, understands the importance of leadership. He said, "I understand that with leadership comes responsibility and accountability. There is no way one person can do everything in an organization. This is why, as a leader, I share the responsibility, but own the accountability. When leading a group effort, empowering others by delegating responsibility creates 'Buy-In,' which in turn lightens

the load of the group task. As for leader accountability, I believe if all goes well the success spotlight should be shared. If things do not go so well, I hold myself accountable then work to correct the issue."

The 3rd Brigade of the 94th Training Division provides Command and Control functions for 5 of The Army School System's (TASS) Ordnance Battalions, ensuring that the Battalions maintain accreditation and provide trained, certified instructors for the United States Army.

During peacetime, the unit provides a full range of command, support, and management functions for assigned Battalions and other assigned units, including but not limited to Military Occupation Specialty Training in Career Management Field (CMF) 63 and 89, and the Technical Phases of Ordnance Non-Commissioned Officer Education School (NCOES) in accordance with Training and Doctrine

# Hyde-Smith: Miss. Wants Flexibility in Using School 'Reopening' Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) recently sought to ensure that Mississippi education officials and schools have flexibility to use significant new federal funding provided to "reopen schools," despite most Mis-

issippi schools being open for 2020-2021 school year. Hyde-Smith questioned Education Secretary Miguel Cardona about the American Rescue Plan funding during a Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee hearing to review the FY2022 budget requests for the U.S. Department of Education.

"Mississippi has recently received significant American Rescue Plan funding to help reopen our schools. The reality is that most Mississippi schools have been open for in-person learning for nearly 10 months, as many Mississippi schools resumed classroom instructions last August. We really got back in quick with good results," Hyde-Smith said. "I'm interested in knowing that states like Mississippi have the flexibility to use funding to meet its specific needs, particularly since many of our schools are open unlike schools in many other states."

Cardona noted that flexibility and innovation are encouraged, and offered to work with Mississippi officials as the state determines how to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and

Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

"As a matter of fact, we'll reach out just to make sure that we're partnering with Mississippi to make sure that their questions are answered and that we can promote as much flexibility to meet the needs of the students as needed," Cardona told Hyde-Smith.

The U.S. Education Department in March announced more than \$1.62 billion in ARP ESSER funds to Mississippi to aid in reopening schools. In addition, the state received another \$89.6 million in ARS funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand COVID testing in support of resuming in-person classroom instruction.

# Recognizing Local Scholars



Men Vs. Men Mentoring Inc. joined by Beta Rho and Beta Theta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and other supporters are pleased to express great honor recognizing Lindsey Turner and Lawrence Wiley of Central Holmes Christian School as well as Zamiah Brownlow and Davian Powell of Holmes County Central High School for their commitment to excellence in academic achievement throughout their high school tenure. We applauded their dedication and diligent efforts put forth in obtaining the highest-grade point averages in the graduating class of 2021. Moreover, we hope and trust the success they have achieved will become the foundation for greater accomplishments in the future. It was their persistent hard work that resulted in a fruitful reward. Pictured in top photo: Davian Powell, Zamiah Brownlow and Bryant Clark; pictured in bottom photo: Lindsey Turner, Erica Haymer and Lawrence Wiley.



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