

# Military, Law Enforcement News, and More...

## TN's community & technical colleges honor 40 recipients of Chancellor's Commendation for Military Veterans ... from sports-military page 2

year, Pellissippi State Community College awarded three Chancellor's Commendations in celebration of the college's 50th anniversary.

Listed below by college, the 40 include 17 students and 23 faculty and staff members. The Commendation is represented by a specially designed challenge coin. Challenge coins have a long tradition in all military branches, where they are awarded by commanders and signify special



everyone," Dr. Tydings said.

"We are committed wholeheartedly to serving our veterans, active-duty service members, National Guard members, reserve members, military spouses and children. It's a privilege to honor them, not only on Veterans Day but all year."

That commitment includes a range of benefits and services for veterans and their families, including:

- All 13 community colleges and 24 TCATs are approved for veteran educational benefits and work closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs and state approving agencies to ensure that students benefits are used appropriately.

- Eligible military spouses may use the MyCAA (My Career Advancement Account) scholarship at all our TBR institutions. We participate in Skillbridge programs for transitioning service members.

- In addition, all 13 community colleges and 13 TCATs have achieved VETS Campus certification by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission by meeting additional criteria for excellence standards and compliance for our military-affiliated community. The remaining 11 TCATs are working to earn the certification.

The 2024 Chancellor's Commendation for Military Veterans honorees and their military

branches are:

- COMMUNITY COLLEGES: Chattanooga State: Malcolm Kennemore, Faculty, Navy Reserve; Cleveland State: Gregory Edwards, Faculty, Air Force; Columbia State: Kelvin Webster, Campus Support Specialist/Academic Advisor, Air Force; Dyersburg State: Paul Rhodes, Director of Information Technology, Navy; Jackson State: Dr. Andrew Kelley, Faculty, Army; Motlow State: Walter Torres, Student, Army; Nashville State: James Shrum, Communications Services Director, Navy; Northeast State: Chad Bailey, Chief Financial Officer, Marines; Pellissippi State: Calvin McDaniel III, Student, Marines; Larry Bates, Chief Information Officer, Air Force; Ron Bridges, Faculty, Army; Roane State: Joshua Ayden Havener, Student, Navy; Southwest Tennessee: John Brassel, Faculty, Army; Volunteer State: Tristan

- Gomez, Veterans Services Staff, Army; Walters State: Kimberly Ferguson, Student, Navy; TENNESSEE COLLEGES OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY: TCAT Athens: Jill Yates, Student Engagement Coordinator, Air Force; TCAT Chattanooga: Melvin Rhodes, Faculty, Marines; TCAT Crump: Jonathan Mehr, Faculty, Navy; TCAT Dickson: Carlos Felix, Faculty, Army; TCAT Elizabethton: Steve Sweet, Site Coordinator, Marines; TCAT Harriman: Dakota Shaw, Student, Army; TCAT Hartsville: Glenn Wilson, Student, Army National Guard; TCAT Henry/Carroll: Dan Walcott, Student, Marine Reserves; TCAT Hohenwald: Jeremiah Biehl, Faculty, Navy; TCAT Jacksboro: Debbie Faulkner, Faculty, Army; TCAT Jackson: Brian Matthews, Student, Air Force

- TCAT Knoxville: Stephen Kronk, Faculty, Army; TCAT Livingston: Joshua Brown, Student, Army; TCAT McKenzie: Lewis King, Student, Navy; TCAT McMinnville: Elijah Nash, Faculty, Air Force; TCAT Memphis: Ocie Duckworth Sr., Faculty, Navy; TCAT Morristown: Joshua Kesler, Student, Army; TCAT Murfreesboro: Larry Gill, Faculty, Navy; TCAT Nashville: Brandon Hollandsworth, Faculty, Air Force; TCAT Northwest: John Newcomb, Student, Navy; TCAT Oneida/Huntsville: Richard Haley, Student, Air Force; TCAT Pulaski: Tyler Whitaker, Student, Marines; TCAT Shelbyville: Jessica Blevins, Student, Navy; TCAT Upper Cumberland: James Davenport, Student, Army; TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS SYSTEM OFFICE: Jeff Sisk, Center for Workforce Development Executive Director, Army National Guard.

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## Open Letter from Black vets organization to Biden to use Antiquities Act to save Brig. Gen. Charles Young's birth cabin ... from sports-military page 2

securing its fate prior to sunset your watch by using the Presidential Antiquities Act to bring the property into the National Trust. Placing the cabin under the National Park System's management would ensure its preservation into perpetuity. We suggest this designation be

accomplished as a standalone entity or by appendage to the Camp Nelson (Nicholasville, KY or the Charles Young and Buffalo Soldiers National Monument (Wilberforce, OH).

We thank you again for your life in service and honoring our na-

tion's hero with his posthumous promotion, by the U.S. Department of Defense, in November 2022. It was an honor to celebrate Brigadier General Young's promotion the following February with his family members, Kentucky; United States military leaders and veterans; community

leaders, and public officials, as well as his promotion ceremony at the US Military Academy West Point, in April 2023.

Your favorable consideration using the Presidential Antiquities Act to bring the property into the National Trust is sought and

would be deeply appreciated by all who have championed this project over the years...]

And to all the brave young men and women serving in the United States Military, and Veterans, Happy Veterans Day.

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## DA Steve Mulroy speaks at annual Stomp the City Icon Awards Show

MEMPHIS, TN - District Attorney Steve Mulroy recently spoke at the annual Stomp the City Icon Awards show.

The Purpose of the Stomp the City Icon Awards is to honor local heroes recognizing individuals who have made a lasting impact on the Memphis

community; raise awareness of important issues like gun violence and domestic abuse, and inspire change by showcasing community leaders and

their efforts, and celebrate culture featuring live performances and appearances from celebrities.

Overall, the event honors those making a difference while reminding citizens of the strength of community

and the potential for positive change, even in the face of adversity.



Among those who received Stomp the City Icon Awards were Criminal Court Judge Carolyn Blackett, (left), and unidentified local hero recipient shown here with DA Mulroy. (Photo/Courtesy: Memphis Shelby Crime Commission)

**CRIME COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY FORUM ON JUVENILE CRIME  
PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION & BAIL  
REFORM**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

**WHERE: NEW SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
2237 S. PARKWAY E, MEMPHIS, TN 38114**

**TIME: 10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**PANELISTS ON JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION:**

- DR. MARIE FEAGINS, SUPERINTENDENT OF MEMPHIS SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS
- MELVIN COLE OF PURE ACADEMY
- GWENDOLYN WOODS OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MEMPHIS

**PANELISTS ON BAIL REFORM:**

- GENERAL SESSIONS COURT JUDGE LEE WILSON
- SHERIFF FLOYD BONNER
- MPD ASSISTANT CHIEF DON CROWE

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