



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD**  
**COLONEL**  
**WILLIAM L. HENRY**  
**COMMANDER, CAMP SHELBY JFTC**

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Colonel William L. Henry was appointed as the Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in December 2022 by Major General Janson D. Boyles. Colonel Henry is responsible for the management of a 138,000 acre Joint Accredited training site providing training capabilities for over 70,000 warriors from all services and components annually, as well as providing Mobilization Force Generating Installation capabilities to FORSCOM.

Commissioned in 1997 through the ROTC program at the University of Southern Mississippi as an Army Ordnance Officer of the Mississippi Army National Guard, Colonel Henry has served in the Mississippi National Guard for over 32 years. In 2003, as the battalion Operations and Intelligence Officer, he deployed to western Iraq with the 298<sup>TH</sup> Combat Sustainment Battalion. In 2009, Colonel Henry again deployed with the 155<sup>TH</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team to Iraq where he served as the Brigade Support Battalion's Executive Officer. He has served during numerous state emergencies to include Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. As Battalion Commander of the 298<sup>TH</sup> CSB, Colonel Henry led the Mississippi Task Force deploying to the U.S. Virgin Islands providing support in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Colonel Henry has served full-time for the Mississippi National Guard for over 23 years in positions that include Battalion Administrative Officer, Deputy G3, Deputy G4, Surface Maintenance Manager and the Joint Force Headquarters J3 Domestic Operations Officer (Joint Assignment).

Colonel Henry holds a BS in Criminal Justice, as well as a MS in the Administration of Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi. As a 2022 graduate of the United States Army War College, he also holds a second MS degree in Strategic Studies. Colonel Henry is also a 2017 Defense Strategy Graduate, a 2016 graduate of the JFK School of Governments Leadership in Homeland Security Program. He is recognized as a qualified Defense Strategist and Joint Qualified Officer.

Colonel Henry lives in Hattiesburg, MS with his wife of 22 years, Shelly. They have three children, Morgan (Trae) Miller, Emily (Blake) Nicholson and Grant Henry. Lee and Shelly also have three grandchildren, Blair, Reese and Baylor.