

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

National Guard Readiness Center Addresses BCEDC Board of Director.

John Lipton welcomed SFC William Owens and his family to the October 26, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting.

Sergeant First Class William Owens presented an overview of the Arkansas National Guard – 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry Squadron, on behalf of Maj. Gen. Mark Berry, the Adjutant General for the State of AR and Col. Michael Spraggins, Commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and Lt. Col. Joel Lynch, the Commander of the 1-151 Cavalry Squadron.

SFC Owens discussed the history of the 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry headquartered in Warren. He explained that the headquarters was originally housed in the Old Armory building beside the City Park. The 1-151 moved to the Industrial Park location in about 2005. Charles Simpson gave an overview of how he and BCEDC were involved in the locating of the facility.

SFC Owens provided the following **Historical Highlights of the 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry:**

- 1947, 6 February—206th tank Battalion, 39th Infantry Division organized and received federal recognition.
- 1959, 1 June—Reorganized and federally recognized as the 206th Armor Battalion, 39th Infantry Division
- 1968—3rd Battalion 153 Infantry received federal recognition
- 1990, April—Charlie Company “Cold Steel” conducted Annual Training in Honduras.
- 1992, April—Alpha Company “regulators” conducted Annual Training in Germany.
- 1993, 13-25 June—Bravo Company “Killer Bees” conducted Annual Training in Germany.
- 1999—Bravo Company “Killer Bees” Activated for Operation Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia.
- 2000—Bravo Company “Diamondbacks” activated for SFOR 9 rotation to Bosnia with the 3-7 CAV, 3rd Infantry Division.
- 2001—Deployed soldiers with 2-153 IN to the Sinai for a Multinational Force and Ob-

servers rotation.

- 2002—November—Bravo Company “Killer Bees”, called to state active duty to provide security for the munitions plant in Camden, AR.

- 2003, 12 October—Battalion activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom II and deployment with the 1st Cavalry Division to Iraq.

- 2005, 28 August—Soldiers activated to support the Humanitarian Relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, LA

- 2005, 5 September—1st Squadron of the 151st Cavalry Regiment is officially organized. Echo Troop, 151st Cavalry Regiment deactivated. Regimental Headquarters moved to Warren, AR

- 2008, 5 October—1st Squadron of the 151st Cavalry Regiment is mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V

SFC Owens pointed out that throughout history there has been a constant change to the 1-151. There are plans in place for another change in the near future, but he is not at liberty to discuss the changes at this time. SFC Owens stated that the 1-151 covers all of Southeast AR and Headquartered in Warren.

The 1-151 concentrates on national disasters and the community’s needs. SFC Owens explained that as National Guardsmen they have 2 missions. The first is state-oriented, they work for the Governor first. The second mission is that they work for the President. The National Guard focuses wholly on being able to fulfill their community-based missions. When national disasters occur the National Guard is called upon to provide emergency services, such as traffic control, debris removal, help with civil alerts or Amber Alerts, searches on escaped prisoners, etc. Some of the services they provide are; manpower, rescue, security, emergency personnel transportation, debris removal, and equipment (power generation and water source). The new facility at the Industrial Park was constructed to function as a Joint Taskforce Building. The AR Dept. of Emergency Services can utilize the building as a command (continued)

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES?

BCEDC can help your business in such areas as:

- Land and building acquisitions
- Financial packaging
- Demographic and economic data
- Incentive packaging
- Workforce training
- Plant expansions
- Entrepreneurial and small business development

BCEDC Is Affiliated With:

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM
- Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

November 2015— Jobs Update		
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Openings
AR Superior Federal CU	13	0
Armstrong Flooring	242	2
Ashcraft Wood Products	24	0
Bradley Brand Furniture	5	0
Bradley County	68	0
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	266	23
Chapel Woods Health & Rehab	105	2
City of Hermitage	7	0
City of Warren	42	2
First Presbyterian Childcare Ctr	20	0*
First State Bank of Warren	31	0
Fulghum Fibers	9	1
Hermitage Schools	82	0
New Beginnings, CASA	17	2
Oasis Trading	43	1
OK Foods	17	2
Ouachita Hardwood	45	0*
Ozark Mountain Poultry	320	1
Potlatch	168	1
SE AR Community Action Corp.	83	0
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	242	56
Super Valu Foods	59	1**
The Mad Butcher	63	2***
Townsend Flooring	28	1*
UAMS/KIDS FIRST—Warren	17	2
Union Bank	8	0
Warren Bank & Trust	36	0
Warren School Dist.	289	11
TOTAL	2349	110

*Taking Applications **Applications on Thur. ***Applications on Mon., 1-4 pm

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center if needed. The Armory can be utilized as “warming shelters” for the citizens of Bradley County. SFC Owens explained that there is a process for a “Civilian Support Request”. The request must come from the County Sheriff, the County Judge or the Office of Emergency Services Coordinator. One of these people must go to the AR Dept. of Emergency Services and request assistance from the National Guard.

SFC Owens explained some of the community services they perform. The Warren facility is one of seven in the entire state of AR where the DEERS/ID cards can be issued and updated. The DEERS card is needed by ex-military and their family to access benefits. SFC Owens stated that other community services provided are; color guards, records request, referral for other services (VA, family assistance, Army One-Source). He explained that to get a military presence at a public event other than an emergency, a DD form 2536, which may be obtained

JOB OPENINGS AT:

Armstrong Flooring: Has 2-job openings. Interested candidates should apply at ESA in Monticello. Permanent positions may be found at www.armstrong.com as they become available.

Bradley Co. Medical Center: Has employment opportunities for RN, LPN, Nursing Asst, CNA and Medical Records. Employment opportunities are posted online at www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com for full-time, part-time and PRN positions.

Chapel Woods Health & Rehab: Has job openings for 1-LPN (7p-7a) and 1-CNA (3-11). For additional information and to apply call 870-226-6766.

City of Warren: Has job openings for 2-Police Officers. Contact the Warren Police Dept. for additional information. 870-226-3701

New Beginnings, CASA: For job opening information. Call 870-226-9970 or to apply.

Oasis Trading, LLC.: Has a job opening for a loader operator. For information or to apply call 870-952-0626 or visit Oasis Trading.

OK Foods: Has a job opening for a Warehouse Operator in Hermitage. Work Schedule—Monday-Saturday, 5:00 am—4:00 pm, Hourly pay @ \$7.80 + \$0.80 attendance incentive. For details and to apply visit <https://career8.successfactors.com/career?company=C0001099501P>

Ozark Mountain Poultry: Always looking for good production workers with 6-months poultry experience. Contact the Arkansas Workforce Center in Monticello, AR at 870-367-2476 for employment information.

online, must be completed and returned to the State Public Affairs Office. The public website www.arguard.org is accessible and contains information on employment, Joint Support Services, and more.

SFC Owens also presented a copy of the 2014 National Guard Annual Report. SFC Owens pointed out the section that was broken down by county and their average expenditures. The report listed Bradley County’s total expenditures as \$ 2,027,379.58. This is the economic impact of the National Guard in Bradley County.

The BCEDC Board Members expressed their gratitude to SFC Owens and the 1-151 for their service.

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

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Potlatch Corporation: Has an opening for a salaried Maintenance Supervisor position. Anyone interested can view the job description and apply online at www.potlatchcorp.com under the career section. EEO/AA /Veteran employer with competitive wages and benefits.

SE AR Human Development Ctr.: Openings of salaried positions are advertised in the Shoppers Guide. For information on all job openings and to apply please go to www.arstatejobs.com

The Mad Butcher: Has 2-full-time positions. Applications are taken on Mondays, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Mad Butcher.

Townsend Flooring: Has a job opening for a Line Supervisor. Call 226-7103 for details and to apply.

UAM/KIDS FIRST—Warren: Has jobs open for an Early Childhood Developmental Specialist and a Child Development Technician. Apply online at www.uams.edu/jobs

Warren School Dist.: For details on job openings and to apply contact the Warren School Dist. at 870-226-6738 or online at www.warrendsd.org

MEET AT MOLLY’S

EVERY MONDAY 7:00 am

This public forum meeting encourages the discussion of topics important to Bradley County residents.

All are invited to meet at Molly’s Diner every Monday at 7:00 am