

SPC soldier returns home after a year in Middle East



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SPC Devon Day returned to Pelahatchie Thursday, May 21, after spending a year in Kuwait and Iraq with the Army National Guard. Pictured (l to r) are his mom, Kelly Pate, with Day.

By Susie A. Wolfe

SPC Devon Day returned home after spending two months in Kuwait, seven months in Iraq, and two weeks in quarantine at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. The 2018 Pelahatchie High School graduate joined the Army National Guard in the middle of his senior year.

Day currently serves as an electrical engineer, which is what he plans to practice after he gets out of the service in three more years. He said his work

has been fixing rooms inside tents.

Asked what it was like in the Middle East, he said there was no grass where he was, only sand and heat. He liked being able to see other places but was limited by the coronavirus there so wasn't able to explore much. He felt that COVID-19 was not as bad there, but they still took the necessary precautions.

Day said he missed his family and his two dogs and two cats the most and was glad to be home.

White named PHS Parent of the Year

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David White was recently honored as Pelahatchie High School's Parent of the Year. He has been pastor at Pelahatchie Baptist Church since January 7, 2019.

According to the Pelahatchie Baptist Church website, "David White is a preacher's kid that's been in ministry circles his whole life. He is a graduate of Clinton High School and Mississippi College, and earned Master and Doctorate Degrees from Baylor University's Truett Seminary. He lives in a girl's world with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters, Mary Frances and Martha Kate. In his spare time, David likes to hunt, play golf, and build things out of wood."

Recently, his woodworking skill came in handy in his work to build lockers for the ladies' basketball locker room.

Alexia Jones, Pelahatchie High School Assistant Athletic Director and Girls' Basketball Coach, said, "Brother David is an epitome of a servant leader. He's about people and the community. I asked him to help me with something small, and he went over and beyond,



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David White has been pastor at Pelahatchie Baptist Church since 2019. He was named the 2020 PHS Parent of the Year recently. Pictured (l to r) are: Elizabeth, his wife; daughters Martha Kate and Mary Frances; and White.

not only for my program but for others also. Anytime he can help he's always there. He's always behind the scenes doing anything he can to make Pelahatchie better. Not to be praised, but to serve people as he serves God."

Pastor White said, "I am extremely honored by this recognition. It is my joy to partner with such great educators to invest in the future of this community and consider my service as an expression of Christ's love to our students. This is how we better our community, and I look forward to supporting and partnering with them again next year."



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