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Free wills offered for first responders, spouses



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Wills for Magnolia State First Responders is hosting an event for first responders and their spouses on Saturday, July 16, at Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer Training Academy (MLE-OTA) located at 3791 Highway 468 West in Pearl. Appointments are necessary, and space is limited. The deadline to schedule an appointment is June 30, 2022.

Wills for Magnolia State First Responders is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that brings together volunteer attorneys and paralegals to provide wills and advanced healthcare directives for first responders and their spouses free of charge.

First responders and their spouses will

check in at their allotted time, where they will meet with a paralegal to go over their initial questionnaire. Documents will then be drafted onsite by a paralegal and reviewed by an attorney. The attorney will then meet with each first responder and spouse privately to go over their documents.

All documents are signed and notarized onsite. Each first responder and spouse will receive their original documents – no copies are retained by WFFRMS. These documents include a basic will and advanced healthcare directive.

All first responders and their spouses must sign up for a time slot to participate and fill out an initial questionnaire. To sign up, visit [WFFRMSJuly2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Kristy Hogan at 601-519-0334.

RCSD Reading challenge focuses on fun and new authors



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The Rankin County School District (RCSD) challenges its students to read this summer in a fun way.

The challenge is made up of 33 unique prompts. The goal is to try new authors or genres, push oneself to read more, read differently and have fun.

How does it work?

- Use the list, match one book to a

prompt. Be creative.

- When: May 2022-August 2022
- When finished, complete the book recommendation form and look for entries on RCSD social media.
- Repeat!

The challenge prompts and QR code for filling out the book recommendation form can be found online at zcu.io/HAVA.

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Lt. Col. James "Ashley" Mills promoted to Colonel

2011-12. After returning from Afghanistan, MAJ Mills went back to assume the roles of Executive Officer and Operations Officer in HQ/1-185 Avn. Reg. in Tupelo. He then transferred to the 1108 TASM-G in Gulfport, where he served as a maintenance platoon leader before being promoted to Lt. Col. and serving two years as the S2/S3 for the Group. Lt. Col. Mills commanded A/1108 TASM-G from June 2016 to June 2018 before commanding the 1-185th Assault Helicopter Battalion from June 2018 to July 2020. After battalion command, he was assigned Chief of Staff for the 66th Troop Command in Jackson until January 2022. Col. Mills assumed command of the 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, Jackson, in June 2022.

Col. Mills has attended various schools in his career to include: Airborne, Air Assault, Captain's Career Course, UH-60 Instructor Pilot, Com-



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Col. "James Ashley" Mills

bined Arms Exercise, Intermediate Level Education Common Core and Advanced Operations, Aviation Maintenance Officer Course, and Aviation Pre-Command Course.

His awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO non-article 5 for Kosovo and Afghanistan, MS Magnolia Cross, MS War Medal, MS Emergency Service Medal, MS Service School Medal, MS Longevity Medal with

three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and Silver German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge.

Col. Mills earned a Master's of Commercial Aviation from Delta State University in May 2015. He will graduate from the U.S. Army War College in July 2022 at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is currently employed as a full-time technician at the Army Aviation Support Facility #3 in Meridian as the Facility Commander. He is an active life member of the National Guard Association of Mississippi, National Guard Association U.S., and Quad-A.

Col. Mills resides in Pelahatchie with his wife, Tammy Mills, and they are active members of Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon. He has one daughter, Haley Mills, a student at Hinds Community College in Raymond.