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LEFT: Pictured from left to right, Spc. Keyone Woods, Sgt. James McAlhany, Staff Sgt. Burl Gulledge and Sgt. Terrence Davis listen as Tyler Martin discusses the steps to rebuild a V6 engine in the depot's Powertrain Flexible Maintenance Facility. **RIGHT:** Sgt. Marcus Jones assists David Kirby as he disassembles part of a transmission.

Hands-on training

ANAD employees teach Soldiers to disassemble, repair combat vehicles

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More than 120 Soldiers from the 900th Maintenance Company, headquartered in Brundidge, Ala., spent two weeks learning from the workforce at Anniston Army Depot.

"It is a benefit to us to have ANAD in the state for this training," said Capt. Brandon Key, commander of the 900th.

Key said the unit's training during drill weekends is often done through Powerpoint presentations and the Soldiers would benefit from having this hands-on training to visualize throughout the rest of the year.

The unit, when deployed to serve within the parameters of their military occupation specialties, performs the functions of component repair - inspecting parts of artillery, arms and combat vehicles and making necessary repairs.

"I don't know where else we could get training like this," said Pfc. Cory Harper.

Harper worked on generators for Paladins. He said he was amazed by the efficiency of the depot civilians who trained him.

Sgt. Victoria Reeves was also impressed by the depot's efficiency, remarking on how quickly tanks are brought into the disassembly area of the Combat Repair Facility, taken apart and sent down the line.

"As soon as the vehicles rolled in the door, the guys told me to take a pneumatic tool and unbolt everything," she said, adding she loved disassembly.

Spc. Leanette Roberson, a therapist and student in her civilian life, enjoyed the opportunity training gave her to do something different.

"Here, I get to work with my hands and put together 3-D puzzles," she said. "It uses a different part of my brain."

All the Soldiers remarked on the hospitality of the depot workforce, saying employees went above and beyond to welcome and assist them.



LEFT: Sgt. John Sanders and Pfc. Anh Phan inspect a M1 Abrams tank powerpack during the final repair process. **RIGHT:** Spc. Daniel Askew disassembles a combat vehicle transmission in the Powertrain Transmission Facility.



LEFT: Pfc. Gabrielle Hancock listens as Johnny Fomby discusses the systems installed on a Styker vehicle. **RIGHT:** Pfc. Christopher Frizzell, left, and Spc. Ken Jackson assist Matt Phillips with the transmission of a M109 Paladin as part of the final repair process.

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