



## Vulnerable Adult Training



A MANDATORY meeting concerning issues arising under the Vulnerable Adults Act was implemented Wednesday, January 14th and Thursday, January 15th, 2015 by Trey Rogers and Norman Young, Investigators for the MS Attorney General's Office. Two morning and afternoon sessions were offered for the various shifts of co-workers to attend the training which was held in B-Building (Recreation). EMSH employees arrived on Main Campus to gain insight in the specific areas of recognition of, and proper response to, allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitations of individuals who meet the Vulnerable Adult Act criteria.

David Gordon, RN/Investigative Services stated, "There is no doubt that the training and education received from Trey and Norman opened up awareness all across the facility. I believe the examples given in the training of real people who violated the Vulnerable Adults Act and the consequences they will endure brought about a realization of just how serious complying with the laws within the Vulnerable Adults Act is. If you are unsure whether to report something as an employee, it's best to go ahead and make the call."

Stacy Smith, LPN/Investigative Services, emphasizes the importance of preventing and reporting abuse, neglect and exploitation promptly through attending the annual trainings. "As we strive to become 100% free of these offenses, Investigative Services will continue to have an open door policy in entertaining any questions that employees may have."

If you suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation at EMSH, please call the ABUSE HOTLINE @ 601-934-4698 or 601-934-6951. The Abuse Hotline may be called 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will send you directly to one of the EMSH Investigators who can handle any complaints concerning the noted issues. Remember, failure to report is also a crime.

## MS Air National Guard Graduation



U. S. Army Maj. Gen. Augustus L. (Leon) Collins, the Adjutant General of Mississippi, left, stands with EMSH's Mary Beaty (Resource Review), one of the members of the 186th Air Refueling Wing who recently graduated from the Community College of the Air Force on Key Field Air National Guard Base, Dec. 10, 2014.

Mary recently completed the requirements to receive her CCAF Degree-Air Force Associate Degree in Transportation from the Community College of the Air Force. A group of 19 additional Airmen are pictured right with Ms Beaty who received degrees in other disciplines that were offered, including: Aviation Maintenance Technology, Aviation Operations, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Education and Training Management, Electronic Systems Technology, Financial Management, Fire Science, Human Resource Management, Information Management, Intelligence Studies and Technology, Logistics, Munitions Systems Technology, Non-destructive Testing Technology, and Vehicle Maintenance.



# Energy Efficiency at EMSH

Submitted by Rick Entrekin

In an effort to decrease our energy consumption by 10%, East MS State Hospital has set a goal to utilize conservation methods such as turning off lights, fans, computers, and other electrical appliances when not in use. We have also been replacing light bulbs with more efficient versions of fluorescent bulbs. The employees in buildings that are not occupied at night or on weekends should make sure all lights are off and the thermostats adjusted to energy saving settings. **Everyone needs to participate in this effort, and we encourage EMSH employees to find other ways to save energy.**

Capital improvement projects are projected to save another 10% on our energy bills. These projects include building new energy efficient buildings, replacing heating and cooling equipment with more efficient designs, and replacing old roof systems with better insulated roofs that reflect the heat of the sun.

Saving tax dollars is a worthy goal by itself; but this is money in our budget that we can spend on other important projects here at EMSH. Please help us meet our goal of energy efficiency by personally taking responsibility in your area of the campus to do the little things that can save a lot of energy dollars.

See the blue box below for Energy-Saving Tips:

ENERGY



## Energy-Saving Tips

- Turn off the lights when you leave the room, especially nights and weekends
- Turn off your computer and other appliances when not in use
- Do not set thermostats excessively high or low
- Instead of turning on a space heater, put on a coat or sweater

## Safety Awards



The Safety Committee recently awarded the 2014 Safety Units of the Third Quarter to BASAC C Building and Recreation Services. The named units did not experience a single workplace accident during the quarter. The staff were commended for their accomplishment, and a plaque presented to each unit, during a recent staff meeting. The Safety Committee commends the dedication of these units and other

units that exemplify safety in the workplace. Coming soon will be Fourth Quarter recognition for two additional units as well as the 2014 Safety Units of the Year. Funding for this program is made possible by a grant from the EMSH FRIENDS Organization.



## MARDI GRAS PARTY



Tickets are available now for all employees who wish to attend the 2015 Mardi Gras Party. Call Merritt Barry @ 17878 or Chad Peavy @ 17836 for tickets. Up to two additional paying guests 18 years and up may accompany you. Tickets for guests are \$4 each prior to the party and \$5 each at the door. Everyone must show badges or tickets to enter the FRIENDS sponsored event.

For more information, please see the flyer in News, News, News or the posting on each unit or you may call ext. 17669.

There will be no To-Go plates at this event.

