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Sandra Cupit, owner, makes burgers and mans the grill at Granny's Corner in McCall Creek where customers find great burgers and steaks and a family atmosphere. PHOTOS BY LAUREN WITTE/CLARION LEDGER

MS country store serves great steaks and more

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If you're not from McCall Creek and don't know anyone who lives in McCall Creek, yet you find yourself there, odds are fair you're lost. However, being lost and ending up in McCall Creek isn't a bad thing. It's the home of Granny's Corner where you'll get a friendly welcome and food so good that people have been coming back for decades.

"I've been going there close to 30 years," said Josh Spring of the nearby Arlington community. "It's just a nice local place where everybody goes to hang out."

"It's got good atmosphere and good people. It's a meeting center for the neighborhood, especially

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A burger is seen at Granny's Corner in McCall Creek on Aug. 11.

Camp Shelby designated a permissive test range for Army

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The Mississippi National Guard has partnered with U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command to designate Camp Shelby as a permissive test range for military technology created by private companies and other innovators.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves was one of five officials who met at Camp

Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Hattiesburg Sept. 9 to make the announcement regarding the base. Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., Maj. Gen. Bobby Ginn, Brigadier Gen. Shannon Lucas and Col. Ashley Sullivan all joined Reeves in making the announcement.

"Y'all probably heard me say this before, and I'll say it again," Reeves said during the announcement at Camp

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The Mississippi National Guard and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command hosted a press conference at Camp Shelby on Sept. 9.

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A generation of aftershock

How 9/11 reverberates in our lives, laws and liberties

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A quarter-century later, 9/11 still echoes. The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history has been followed by other seismic events, from a once-in-a-century global pandemic to the rise of artificial intelligence that is transforming commerce, education and more. Nearly 100 million Americans – almost one in four – have no personal memory of the Sept. 11 attacks, born since it happened. And yet. The attacks continue to resonate in the lives of the families, friends and colleagues of the 2,977 victims who died and for the tens of thousands of survivors and first responders who are dealing with 9/11-related health issues. In a spiderweb that has spread through the nation's laws, economy, warfare and culture, its repercussions are also felt by just about every American. Some of the questions it raised remain unsettled.

Consider: Extension of the post-9/11 law that allows warrantless surveillance abroad is stalled in a fierce congressional divide. The mistrust of officialdom about the attack and the war in Iraq that ensued helped lay the groundwork for current-day conspiracy theories about school shootings and election fraud. A new generation of video games inspired by 9/11 is being tapped as a controversial recruiting tool by the military and law enforcement in real life.

"We encounter an echo every time we go to an airport, obviously," with creation of the Transportation Security Administration and tighter travel security regimes, said Mitch Daniels, a member of President George W. Bush's Cabinet who was on the White House campus when the planes struck the World Trade Center.

Even amid the chaos of that moment, Daniels recalled, "we knew something completely new and terrible had happened."

The consequences continue to reverberate. In some ways, Sept. 11 was 25 years ago, and also yesterday.

Here are three ways how.

Where is the line drawn? Liberty vs. national security

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, Americans were more than willing to trade liberty and privacy for a stronger sense of security.

By a double-digit margin in 2004, they told a Pew Research Center poll that the anti-terrorism policies enacted so far had "not gone far enough to protect the country," rather than having "gone too far restricting civil liberties."

Lawmakers agreed: The USA Patriot Act expanded surveillance of private communications. The behemoth Homeland Security Department was created, and an overarching director of national intelligence position was installed.

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