



This Is HerStory

CSM (Ret.) Pauline Cunningham

U.S. Army

Pauline Cunningham is a native of Los Angeles, California and a graduate of George Washington High School.

She enlisted in the military in the summer of 1976 during the Women's Army Corps era. She attended basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Advance Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Upon completion of AIT, she was awarded the finance MOS 73C. Her stateside assignments include 1st Finance Section, Fort Riley, Kansas; 13th Finance Group, Fort Hood, Texas; 24th Finance Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; and the Fort McClellan Finance Office and Training Brigade in Alabama. Her overseas assignments in Germany include 8th Finance Battalion, Baumholder; 14th Finance Section, Bamberg; 7th ATC Finance Office, Grafenwoehr; and 501st Finance Battalion, Nuremberg. Her other overseas assignments in Korea include: 176th Finance Battalion, Taegu/Camp Humphreys and two tours with the 177th Finance Battalion, Camp Casey.

She has held leadership positions from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major and also served as an Instructor for the First Sergeants Course, Fort Bliss, Texas.

She has served as the Battalion Sergeant Major for the following Battalions: 1st Finance BN Fort Riley KS, 177th Finance BN Camp Casey, Korea, 8th Finance BN Baumholder Germany. She also served as the Brigade Sergeant Major for the 266th Finance Command in Schweitingen, Germany.

She is a graduate of the Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Finance Advanced Course, the First Sergeants Course, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Command Sergeants Major Course. She is a graduate of Saint Leo's College with a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management.

Last assignment as the first female Regimental Sergeant Major in the Army, Pauline Cunningham served as the Financial Management Corps Regimental Sergeant Major from 2003 to 2006.

Her awards include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), and Good Conduct Medal (9th award).

