



This Is HerStory

1SG (Ret.) Cheryl L. Woodhouse

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Cheryl L. Woodhouse is a native of Chicago and currently resides in Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from Emil G. Hirsh (Hirsch Huskies) High School in June 1979. She joined under the delayed entry program on June 25, 1979 thanks to recruiter SFC Funnee from MEPS downtown, Chicago Illinois. She served Basic Combat Training (A Co, 4th Bn 1st Inf Bde), and Advanced Individual Training (D Co. 11th Bn, 4th Inf Bde), both at Fort Jackson, SC. She was further assigned to Fort Story, in Virginia Beach, VA where she served as a 71L – Administrative Specialist with HHC, 11th Trans Bn (Tml). Assigned various jobs as an administrator gave her the opportunity to help with Soldiers' Pay, Promotions, Personnel Actions, Assignments to Schools, additional duties and career field selections. She additionally worked as an arms room clerk, preparing Property Book reports, learning about PLL petroleum reports, and helping to break down and clean various weapons. In pursuit of higher learning in her field, she was given a new duty as administrator of the Correctional Facility on Fort Story, VA which truly began her journey of having a massive heart to help Soldiers adapt and overcome to achieve success in the military. She additionally had the opportunity to be the Battalion Commander (11th Trans Bn) Driver, a job position known in the Army as an 88M – Transportation Driver.

Cheryl Woodhouse stated "I'm always up for a challenge. Driver was needed to fill the position and the Command had no one arriving to the unit, I volunteered, and I enjoyed every minute of learning from the high-ranking officers and knowing they are going through the same style of leadership we receive or give out, just at a higher level. The second-best part of this duty is when I met my true love, my husband of 38 years, Earnest P. Woodhouse (also serving as a civilian DoD NAF employee – Fort Jackson Central Issue Facility under Director, Logistics Readiness Center (LRC). Together we have supported each other's efforts, achievements, heart-breaks, and celebrated the birth of two amazing sons: Montrel Woodhouse (36yrs) (current graduate of Columbia State University – Masters in Communication) and Jarelle Woodhouse – (32yrs) (Former Soldier / Current Disabled Veteran and pursuing musical engineering). She stated "We use the same values we both learned growing up in the military together, and instilled in our family teaching them integrity, values, self-less service, including knowing your worth and going after it without regret and knowing every mistake is a leap forward to greatness at some point."

After serving with her family over 26 yrs. of military service at various stateside assignments, including overseas with temporary duty assignments in Germany, Australia, Italy, Spain, Paris, Amsterdam, and London; 1SG Cheryl Woodhouse toured the globe and left a mark of excellence along the way with many Soldiers and civilians she has worked with over the years. She was part of several organizational clubs and wear the various medallions for excellence in Audie Murphy Club, Adjutant General Regimental Association (Bronze), to include the induction into the Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry School), by the Commandant of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Final assignment in Jan 2003 – Jun 2005 before retirement led her in a position as the Personnel Security Screening Program Manager (Detachment Commander) for United States Army Recruiting Command, USAREC G3, Fort Knox, KY with duty at Fort Jackson, 120th Reception Battalion); responsible for processing Top-Secret Clearances for all Future Soldiers and Prior Service Soldiers entering the Army.

Cheryl stated, "I served as a Soldier, now it's time to serve as a Veteran. In June 2005 – Jan 2008, my first civilian assignment, I served Soldiers of Fort Jackson as the Team Supervisor of Strength Management under Director, Human Resources (Strom Thurmond Bldg.), Fort Jackson SC. I returned back to my USAREC Recruiting Command family Jan 6, 2008 (son birthday) through Oct 27th 2017, as the security clearance manager again, this time as a civilian veteran instead of an active duty Soldier. As a Supervisor and manager, we helped over 21K Soldiers globally. Hearing from them later via social media, passing through to attend schools on base, or a phone call feels awesome when they remember and remind us of what we did to help them receive a clearance so they can go on with their job career and received the bonuses after graduation."

Due to a realignment of the security program, she accepted a reassignment job offer as the Public Affairs Specialist for the Columbia Recruiting Battalion Oct 27th - present. Cheryl served with supervisor for one month and due to temporary duty of the supervisor, she found herself stepping into the shoes of the GS-12 level working solo for 12 months, and currently now for an additional 12-24 months. She stated, "I learned quickly from other veteran, civilians under our brigade and was selected as the "2018 Civilian of the Year". This assignment allowed me to connect with the Soldiers and help in their mission to recruit the best prospects of future soldiers in today's Army through various communications: TV, Radio, including social media. The most rewarding part is the outreach to the community and partnering with others in the community to help spread the awesomeness the Army has to offer and the various job assignments that easily transforms to guaranteed civilian interview through our PaYs program." The Recruiting Command IS the perfect place for me to be and I'm glad that my path stayed in this direction. There is no other place to be but right where the rubber meets the road. Veteran status is not the end of the road, only the beginning and second journey to helping civilians becomes true elite Soldiers." Cheryl was selected in September 2020 as the veteran of the week for Columbia SC, interviewed by Dude Radio FM 98.3 for making a difference in the community for over 22 years and still serving. The SCDVA Midlands Media website News Articles "Veteran Of The Week "spoke with Cheryl about Veterans who are still serving their community, conducting businesses in the community, and/or still working for the military, mentoring and providing Soldiers with opportunities to serve, and to answer questions, and inspire the next generation of Soldiers.

Veteran of the Week Archive | Veterans' Affairs (sc.gov) –  Sep 21, 2020

LINK: --<https://scdva.sc.gov/veteran-week> - **QR CODE:**

Cheryl Woodhouse is no stranger to outreach in the community. Throughout her military and civilian career, she has used her business skills and talents participating, organizing and leading many arts and entertainment. She stated, "I started dance in 1965, age 4, taught by my sister SGM @ Pamela A. Wilson and her Godmother (Julia Griffin (Noel) at Tuley Park in Chicago, IL. Dancing is my "happy space" and it connects all parts of my life. I was able to organize the entertainment portion at most of military functions and organization days; participated in the BOSS programs here at Fort Jackson, set up Fashion Shows and dance routines with the Morale Welfare and Recreation Division talent programs, to include tap dancing at the Fort Jackson officers Club black history program with my sister (SGM Wilson). She teaches line dance weekly in the South Carolina community and organizes a monthly dance social, and annual dance conference. She is often sought out for teaching at various line dance conference globally throughout the states and was awarded by Happy Feet Soul Line Dance Network, LLC, Smooth Groove Productions on August 26, 2017 as "Keeper of the History & Heritage" Award in Philadelphia, for dance cultural in South Carolina. Just recently, I organized a line dance routine taught to some of the soldiers and performed in front of the SGM of the Army "Dailey" and his spouse (who loves line dancing), both in attendance, during our Annual Training Conference (March 2019) with Columbia Recruiting Battalion. The song (If I Could Join the Army, You Can Join the Army Too) is one of our newest marketing tools ever, and it was recorded by one of our very own recruiters stationed at Fort Benning, GA (SFC Arlondo Sutton). I heard the sing and immediately knew I had to create a dance to his song, and present it at our conference first-hand, while spreading on social media throughout our global line dance community which also helps spread the word on what Soldiers and Veterans can do in any capacity, why not song and dance.

Marketing and Outreach has opened up my mind and showed me that DANCE has a place in our Army as well, why not dance to the tunes of MOS jobs being sung through song and dance using RAP, R&B, Country, and Lyrical, as the millenniums do. Why not give them what they watch and do often while continuing to advance with technology in the same capacity within our armed services NOW and forever.

I am so proud to be an army veteran for life, and will continue to help our Soldiers, Civilians, and Community know how awesome our Army is, and how veterans ARE and CAN make a difference. #PUTEMINBOOTS"

//////////DANCE /ENTREPRENEURSHIP /AND EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS //////////

Troy State University of Alabama (Cum Laude) graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, and a graduate of Tourou University International of Cypress, California (Magnum Cum Laude) graduate with a Dual Masters degree in Criminal Justice and Business Administration. She completed Certifications in Technology & Learning, in Feb 2016, and recently graduated with a certification in Project Management Apr 2016. She is a Certified Group Fitness Instructor through FITOUR and co-founded CC4L/ and founded CE4L Soul Line Dance providing group fitness instruction, specializing in dance for kids, teenagers' adults, and the elderly. Besides her 41 years of military and federal service, she spends her devoted time involved in TWO women veteran organizations, empowering woman to stand up and dream. She is on the Policy and Research team; (co-chair with her sister SGM @ & Dr. Pamela A, Wilson (Chair, Policy & Research). She is also the Chairman of Information, Communication and Technology, serving and assisting Soldiers and Veterans across the globe,

assisting with website development and ensuring social media pages are managed and content creation and impressions are developing and pushing our visions to help Soldiers and Veterans in all capacities. Cheryl uses her personal time to shift her blue print economically forward by co-partnering her talents with the MYECON Financial Success Company out of Atlanta, Georgia and with her Financially Focused Literacy Group in Columbia, SC. She reached Executive Vice President (PLATINUM) with her teams' awesome push during the Myecon & Novae merge 1-31 Oct 2016, and the new innovative marketing affects with the financial company. While staying debt-free and speaking to others about the importance of Do-Yourself credit repair, Cheryl simultaneously was contracted through Richland County Recreation Centers & Parks, where she taught Soul Line Dance and performed with her advanced performance dancers at Caughman Road Park and Garners Ferry Sport Complex Adult Activity Center. She hosted a monthly 3rd & 4th Friday (Networking) dance party to bring local businesses together for community comradery, fun & fitness, and lastly, she co-hosted an Annual Halloween Party often bringing the fun talents of the thriller dance at various Halloween engagements. Most recent collaborations in 2017 are: Received Appreciation Award by Smooth Groove Crew of Philadelphia Aug 2017 for contribution to the dance heritage and personal entrepreneurship in South Carolina, while simultaneously receiving the "RISING STAR" award Sep 8th, 2017 in Memphis TN at the September to Remember Cash-flow Celebration by Infinity Leader Doc (PhD) Jerry BoBo & Winter Craigen Bobo. Most recently during pandemic (Aug 2020—Present), Cheryl was approached by her entertainer brother Tony Wilson aka Young James Brown to create a legendary dance to Bootsy William Collins songs below and I was asked to be his global dance ambassador, as well as ambassador for Young James Brown.

Cheryl networks state to state and virtually creating own choreography and giving other dancers songs to create their own dances state to state, and international dance funkateers who are part of the dance club, sharing "**all genres**" in creating dances, Line Dancing (links below), Chicago Stepping, Salsa, Hip-Hop. Krunk, including skating to all of their legendary music past, present, and future.

- "REMIX SOUL POWER" -Tribute to James Brown & Young JB – (Chicago JB Global Ambassador - <https://youtu.be/6As6HjSI2yM>)
- "THE POWER OF THE ONE"- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb14fdwtYpg> - - (Chicago Ambassador)
- "THE POWER OF THE ONE" – Tribute to Bootsy Collins - https://youtu.be/t3EI2gcu_V4- (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia State Club Funkateer Rep)
- "THE POWER OF THE ONE" Soul Not 4 Sale – Tribute to Bootsy Collins - <https://youtu.be/cLPCo1PAL6Y> - - (Columbus, Ohio State Club Funkateer Rep)
- "THE POWER OF THE ONE – JAM ON w/ Snoop Dogg" – Tribute to Bootsy Collins - - (Chicago Ambassador)<https://youtu.be/6uQSrnRD0MY>
- BOOTSY'S RUBBERBAND – "Ahh the Name is Bootsy Baby" – Tribute to Bootsy Collins <https://youtu.be/rMc7dzcCOxU> - - (Chicago Club Funkateer)
- "DMX X-MOVES" Video 1 – Tributes to DMX & Bootsy Collins - <https://youtu.be/xzyuwOfUrFE> - (Chicago Ambassador)
- "DMX X-MOVES" Video 2 – Tributes to DMX & Bootsy Collins - <https://youtu.be/p1uAsZl3D-Vg>- (Gary Indiana State Club Funkateer Rep)
- "DMX X-MOVES" Video 3 – Tributes to DMX & Bootsy Collins - <https://youtu.be/>

be/2QBRQDEPHI0- (Columbus, Ohio State Club Funkateer Rep)
Cheryl's dedication to DANCE / CHOREOGRAPHY is the same passion she has in elimination of "debt free lifeand deliverance of the "Happy Dance" to go with it is un-measurable, her presence brings 'DANCE' to the spirit.

