



This Is HerStory

SFC (Ret.) Ernestine F. Faircloth U.S. Army

Female Veteran	Ernestine Faircloth
Current Role	Vice President of the Black Military Women Foundation, Inc., and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagle
Military Service	*Women's Army Corps (WAC) - 20 Years 1974 – 1995 – Served for 26 general officers
Trailblazing Position	SACEUR, J5 (Intelligence); CENTAG AG
Combat Service	Administrative support to Bosnia

Prior to enlisting in the military, SFC Faircloth worked as an Executive Secretary for approximately 10 years. Completed an associate degree in Secretarial Science.

Sergeant First Class Ernestine F. Faircloth volunteered in the United States Army under the “Delayed Entry Program’s Stripes for Skills” December 1974 and reported to Active Duty in January 1975 with Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Having enlisted as an Executive Secretary, after Basic Training, reported to her first duty station at Fort Hood, Texas, serving with the Office of the G2 until 1977, following Fort Hood, Texas was reassigned to Stuttgart, Germany working in the Command Group of VII Corps. In 1979, SFC Faircloth was reassigned to the Command Group at Fort Lewis, Washington. Leaving Fort Lewis Washington and I Corps, to be assigned to the Command Group at Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia, arriving in March 1982. In 1983, SSG Faircloth was assigned to the Office of SACEUR in Mons, Belgium. Upon Promotion to senior NCO, was assigned to a supervisory position working in Manpower and Development for the SACEUR. In 1986, SFC Faircloth was assigned to the Office of the DCSPER, Fort Gillem, Georgia, and then moved to Fort McPherson to work in the Office of the J5, in 1987. In 1990, during

Desert Storm/Desert Shield, I was assigned to Central Army Group (CENTAG) Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, as the Direct Supervisor and custodian of all headquarters classified materials and four branches within the division: reporting directly to the Commander. During this assignment, provided support to the Bosnia Conflict from Vicenza, Italy for four months. Prior to retirement and during this enlistment, worked for 26 general officers: U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and NATO. Among her many citations, SFC Faircloth received two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, an Army Meritorious Service Medal and several Army Commendation's Medals. SFC Faircloth retired from the U.S. Army January 1995 and moved on to have a successful civilian life; retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, after working for the Department of Defense Recruiting Command. Presently, the Vice President of the Black Military Women Foundation, Inc., was the Office Manager for Georgia STAND-UP (a non-profit); Chaplain for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Auxiliary 714, and occasionally worked as a contractor for the Social Security Administration. SFC Faircloth has one biological son, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

