

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

June 2021

Charnette Norton

United States Army

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Charnette Norton entered the U.S. Army Reserves on August 25, 1981, and her first Duty Station was in Kansas City, MO. The second one was at 30th Hospital Center, Ft. Sheridan, IL, 330 Medical Brigade, Ft. Sheridan, IL. She was transferred to the regular the U.S. Army and then sent to Task Force Medical Eagle in Bosnia where she was a dietitian. While in Bosnia she was an Executive Officer and in charge of all Food Services.

While in Bosnia, she was playing with two children and their mother in the snow. They were having fun and not paying much attention to the area around them. She found out later that there were two Bosnian men who were discussing the idea of kidnapping her. Nearby a Turkish Soldier overheard these men and quickly ushered her inside the building and guarded her until the men left. She then went under security consisting of an armed escort in front and rear of the vehicle she was riding in back to her Army Post. She was armed at all times while in Bosnia except when showering and sleeping.

Charnette received the following awards for her service: Legion of Merit, Order of Military Medical Merit, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with "M" Device, NATO Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4 OLC) 1985, 1989, 1993, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Rifle M16 Expert.

Her most meaningful service was being able to be helpful in a Humanitarian way in the Villages by helping to supply the inhabitants with medical supplies and equipment. Colonel Norton was discharged December 1, 2004, at Ft. Sheridan, IL.

In her civilian career she formed a company called "Norton Group," which is a World Based Food Service Management Consulting Company. She traveled to thirty countries consulting on the food service and operations plans of the large companies and university hospitals. Charnette is now involved 15 hours per week picking up foods at trucks to be given to the needy. Every Friday she picks up food that is near the expiration date from Walmart and Target and distribute it to families in need.

Charnette belongs to: Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics; Management of Food & Nutrition System Dietetic Practice Group; Food and Culinary Practice Group, Organization of Blacks in Dietetics & Nutrition; Food Consultants Society, International; Army Medical Specialist Corps Association; Plattsburg Alumni Association; Plattsburg Senior Center; VFW; VFW Cooties; First Christian Church; and Reserve Organization of Army.

Charnette has two brothers and sisters-in-law, two nieces, two nephews, two great nieces and two great nephews. She did not join the service until she was 39 years of age and retired at 63 years of age.

Missouris Shoal Daughters are very proud of Charnette Norton and honored to recognize her as Patriot of the Month for her dedicated patriotic service to her community and our great nation.