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1st Lieutenant Lidia Collins

United States Army

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Lidia Marie Collins was born on August 12, 1993. She is the daughter of Mark and Ruby Collins of West Plains, Missouri. Her siblings are Carrie, Casey and Wade. Lidia graduated from West Plains High School in 2012 and from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 2016.

In 2013 she enlisted in the Army Reserves, 68 Whiskey as a medic. Her duty stations included Ft. Jackson, SC; Ft. Lee, VA; Ft. Hood, TX, and Camp Hovey, South Korea. Her duties included being a Branched Ordnance Officer, a Squadron Maintenance Officer, a Maintenance Control Officer, a Main Platoon Leader and a Squadron Logistics Officer.



She achieved the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korea Defence Service Medal, the Overseas Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

The most interesting job Lidia had was during her time in Korea. She was part of the First Response Brigade and they ran defense drills with tanks in mountainous terrain.

Lidia's best advise to others is "You don't know all there is to know in order to be an effective leader. You have to build relationships with subordinates and non-commissioned officers."

She was separated from the Army in January of 2021 as a First Lieutenant. In her civilian career Lidia is an Agriculture Marketing Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture. She belongs to the VFW and is expecting her first child in October.