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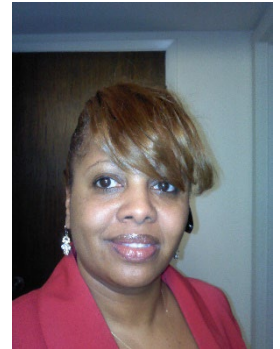


Shalaunda Anderson

United States Army

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Specialist Shalaunda Anderson is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She participated in the Junior ROTC program during her senior year at Southwestern High School in Detroit and enlisted in the United States Army on November 1, 1988. She completed basic training at Fort Dix in Trenton, New Jersey, and was assigned to the 94th Bravo as a Food Service Specialist.



From Fort Dix, Specialist Anderson went to Munster Germany in January 1989. She was responsible for feeding all service members stationed at Munster-Dieburg Special Weapons Depot between 1989 and 1991. Due to the nature of her position, Shalaunda received less leave than other posts. She took advantage of the opportunity to explore some regions in Europe by bus, the highlight being Paris. Seeing historical buildings and places impressed her deeply, but she reports that the food did not have the same impact.

After serving in Germany, Specialist Anderson finished her enlistment at Fort Carson in Colorado. By the time of her honorable discharge in 1993, she had a sharpshooter award as well as a medal of good conduct. Shalaunda states that her choice to serve in the United States Army changed her life, in truth, saved it. She credits her military training with giving her the self-control and the drive to earn multiple degrees. In 1995, Civilian Shalaunda Anderson completed an Associate In Accounting at National American in Colorado. This was followed by an Associate of Arts in General Education from St. Charles Community College in 2000 and a Bachelor of Science in Middle School Mathematics in 2003 from the University of Missouri- St. Louis. By this time, Civilian Anderson was known as Shalaunda Spencer and had most recently earned the Master of Administration from Lindenwood University in 2014.

Shalaunda has been teaching math for 19 years. She began her career in Ft. Zumwalt School District, continued in Francois Howell, and is currently at Hazelwood School District. When she gets a break from teaching and mentoring young people, she enjoys relaxing at a lake, fishing, and being with friends. Her passion to serve doesn't stray far even in favored pass times. Shalaunda has been a CASA volunteer, advocating for the needs of children in the courts. She also blends her love of motorcycle riding with doing good turns. A member of The Street Patrol, she gives aid and supplies to the unhoused.

When asked Shalaunda is thankful for the pathway the military provided her. She is extremely thankful to have three sons, Shaun, Marquis, and Sidney, and takes great joy in her three granddaughters.