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## Arla Tweedy

### United States Army

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Born as the youngest of 10 children in Upstate NY, Master Sergeant (MSG) Arla Tweedy enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1982 and was stationed in Syracuse, NY. Throughout her distinguished military career, MSG Tweedy was stationed in Syracuse, NY; Ft. Leonard Wood, MO; Ft. Devens, MA; Camp South Korea (DMZ); the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO; and Birmingham, AL.



While ranked as an E-1(Private) through E-3 (Private 1st Class), she served as a mail clerk moving mail on Posts. At the 2nd Infantry Division in Camp Casey, South Korea (DMZ), she assisted in delivering mail to troops throughout the region. Beginning in 1987, she became a Personnel Clerk and began helping soldiers with their careers. Ultimately, she was hand-picked by the Department of the Army to run highly secretive Promotion and Education boards in the St. Louis area, retiring after 22 years of dedicated service.

During MSG Tweedy's distinguished military career, she was awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medals, Army Commendation Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal and several Letters of Commendation.

One of her most notable experiences while in the service was participating in a training experience in the ROK (Republic of Korea), at the time called "Team Spirit," which emphasized force flow and force-on-force operations. In case of conflict, the ability of the United States to flow forces to the Korean Peninsula was a critical component of operational plans and also demonstrated a continued strong commitment to the defense of South Korea. Those forces would exercise with ajor units opposing each other in simulated battle. Conducted in the early spring, Team Spirit served to unite several smaller exercises into one large one, emphasizing field-maneuver. It grew over the years from an initial participation of 107,000 US and South Korean troops to over 200,000 in the late 1980's.

Several of MSG Tweedy's most memorable experiences included (1) flying with her aviation units, (2) escorting General Norman Schwarzkopf, and (3) opening games for Michael Jordan in

the Birmingham Barons, a Double-A minor league affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, during his baseball days.

Following her retirement from the Army, MSG Tweedy moved to Melbourne, Florida and taught college classes at Barry University while working for the Chief of Police as a volunteer coordinator, a tv producer, a Police Planner, a grant writer, and wearing many other hats before retiring there in 2012 and returning to St. Louis to care for an ailing family member.

MSG Tweedy has been volunteering in veteran-related capacities since returning to St. Louis. Following her position as Post Commander of the VFW Post 2593 in Arnold, MO (only the second female in 83 years), she currently serves as Post 2593's Chaplain, as well as the District Service Officer.

MSG Tweedy has two grown sons, a bonus son, three grandchildren (ages 4, 4 and 2), 3 dogs and 2 cats that fulfill her life. Arla adds "God has been so very good"!

