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RUTH REID
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES ARMY
NOVEMBER 3, 1975 – 1997

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Ruth Reid joined the United States Army on November 3, 1975, then known as the Women's Army Corp. Her basic training took place at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Throughout her patriotic career, Ruth has served in the Army Reserves as well as Active Duty. Serving as a sergeant in Civil Affairs, this remarkable woman actively served both in Kansas City, Missouri, and internationally in conflicts such as Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Provide Comfort.

Her most interesting time while being deployed was observing Kurd women, who had married at the age of 12 and raised eight children after their husbands had been killed. Although these widows had very little, they loved and cared for each child.

Ruth shared that the best advice she was given during this time was "Do not volunteer, and keep your nose to the grindstone!"

In 1985, Ruth joined the Department of Defense as a civilian where she served until retirement in 2014. She officially resigned from the Armed Forces in 1997 and currently serves as the quartermaster of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8220 in Belton, Missouri.

Ruth was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and Presidential Unit Citations for her service.

Married since 1979, it is important to note that Ruth's husband cared for her three children each time she was deployed. Together they have three grown children and two grandchildren and have lived in the same home for 36 years.