



BIOGRAPHY

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First Sergeant Gwendolyn D. Banks is the senior enlisted advisor of the Knoxville Military Entrance Processing Command.

She enlisted in the Army at the Montgomery Military Entrance Processing Station in 2000 and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

First Sergeant Banks served as vehicle driver, 32nd Transportation Company, 68th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado; vehicle driver, B Company, 123rd Main Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Dexheim, Germany; heavy wheel operator, A Company, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; paralegal noncommissioned officer, Headquarters, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell; human resources sergeant, Headquarters, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell; operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Harrisburg MEPS, Pennsylvania; senior drill sergeant, D Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; senior human resource sergeant, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Fort Campbell; senior human resource sergeant, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Fort Campbell; senior human resource sergeant, 326th Brigade Engineer Battalion, Engineer Battalion; and equal opportunity advisor, Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, Fort Campbell.

Her professional military education includes the Basic, Advanced, Senior and Master Leader Courses, Equal Opportunity Course, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Army Retention Course, Equal Opportunity Leader Course, Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Foundations Course, and Combatives Level 1. She also earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Ashford University (Online), San Diego.

First Sergeant Charles' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievements Medal, and various unit and service medals.