

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA REALTOR® JUDITH "JUDI" ROBINSON EARNS MILITARY RELOCATION PROFESSIONAL (MRP) CERTIFICATION

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, USA, January 5, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Judi Robinson is a retired Military Officer now working at Blanchard & Calhoun Real Estate Company in Augusta, Georgia.

Judi was born in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from Incarnate Word Academy. She always wanted to join the Military. Judi says, "I was set to join the Marine Corps but when I went to the Army recruiting station and saw a video of a female jumping out of a plane, I said 'sign me up'!"

Judi signed up for five years for the Airborne option and Fort Bragg, NC. Judi enlisted in the Army as a Private (E1), completed basic training at Fort McClellan, AL and went to Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, where she certified in her Military Occupation Specialty: A Military Paralegal. Judi then went to Airborne school at Fort Benning, GA.

Judi remembers being shocked that it was actually happening and a bit nervous about following instructions.

"My first jump was over 1,200 feet," she remembers, "but I was actually more scared on the second jump because now I knew how hard it was to steer the parachute. I knew the feeling and the pull of the chute being ripped out of the chute-pack tray and how hard the landing could be. You have to



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reach up and pull the equivalent of your body weight down to your chest in order to steer the parachute. I've never had such an adrenaline rush in my life. It was a proud moment for me when I graduated, because I didn't think I could do it."

Judi then PCS'd to Fort Bragg, NC and was put in a unit that wasn't Airborne. She says, "I wasn't happy but I did what I was told – and most of my unit was already deployed to Desert Shield. I was gung-ho on going to combat at a time where most people were trying to get out of going but I was very eager to go."

Judi deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield/Storm and was located in various locales of Dhahran and Riyadh with the First Corps Support Command assigned to the 44th Medical Brigade.



She says, "I was posted on guard duty at a far corner of the compound. It was completely dark and exposed. My supervisor said that I was the first line of defense and to be sure to shoot off a round if I got attacked. Many people don't know what we actually do as Military Paralegals. The Military has a code of conduct. When a Commander wants to take serious action against a violator, the Commander refers to Military Paralegals for administrative support and guidance. Keep in mind, it's very stressful being in the Military, especially overseas in a combat environment. People handle the stress in different ways - some appropriately, some inappropriately."

Judi redeployed back to Fort Bragg and then went to Fort Belvoir, Virginia at the Air Assault School where she learned to



repel out of helicopters with just a rope. She sums that brave experience up by saying: "I was just trying to be all I could be and as long as no one stopped me, I'd keep going!"

Judi attended Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course at Fort Ben Harrison, IN and was eventually reassigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC where she was placed on jump status. Shortly thereafter, Judi PCS'd to Yongsan Army Base in Seoul, Korea for one year and then came back to the United States to Fort Jackson, SC as a training instructor before returning to Fort Bragg for four years at 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Judi attended Advanced Nonc-ommissioned Officer Course at Fort Jackson, SC and achieved her highest enlisted rank of Sergeant First Class (E7). She obtained her Bachelors in Business Administration and attended the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. This led to Fort Eustis, VA to become a Military Transportation Officer. Her first assignment as an Officer was at Fort Stewart, GA. After five long years, she PCS'd to Fort Eustis, VA for Advance Officer Training.

Judi was subsequently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I for eight months and returned back to Fort Stewart before being deployed again to OIF III for one year before returning back to Fort Stewart, then back to Fort Eustis for Advanced Officer Training. She was then stationed at Fort Riley, KS and was deployed again to Iraq for fifteen months for OIF 07-09 then returned to Fort Riley. Upon completion of the tour, Judi PCS'd to Fort Gordon, GA then Fort Eustis. VA, where she retired from the Military as a Major.

Having experienced such a stellar career in the Army, Judi says, "I think it's important for people to understand the level of sacrifices that Military members and their families make. The sacrifice is a daily requirement. It's not a weekly or monthly renouncement; it's 24/7 and I am very proud to have served."

Judi decided to relocate to Augusta, GA after retiring from the Army, where she became a Real Estate agent. Judi says, "It was during the recession, but I already owned a home there so it worked out." No other options excited her. "I didn't want to 'clock in' at a job." She wanted to enjoy the freedoms

that were generally denied to her during her Military career.

Judi found out about the Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification on the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) website. She said: "I have to have this Certification. I know how the Military operates and I know how to serve those who are serving or have served. I can do a lot to assist those moving to or from the Fort Gordon area here in Augusta, Georgia."

To find out more about Judi Robinson, please visit these important websites:

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