



**SFC (RET) SHIRLEY (MUNDEE)
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VIETNAM VETERAN
US ARMY
1970 – 1990**

picture taken in 1979.

I entered the United States Army on April 23, 1970.

I was trained as a Personnel Specialist, and after a brief assignment to Oakland Army Base in Oakland, California, I volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

I served with the 18th MP Bde, 720th MP Bn, C Company. While in country, I had the honor of being the Long Binh Post Escort for Sammy Davis Jr, as he toured the country on a USO tour in 1971/72 timeframe.

The climate was hostile to Blacks, and I saw a lot of suffering on the part of African American troops from not only

the Viet Cong, but our own troops, who were White.

I left Vietnam in 1972, and went on to duty in Japan and Germany as well. My various assignments afforded me the opportunity to visit eighteen (18) countries) before I retired after 20 years service in 1990.

Today, I am the Founding President of the Global Center for Veterans Issues, headquartered in Fayetteville, North Carolina, near Ft Bragg. The Center is dedicated to the removal of barriers to veterans benefits in the Minority and female veteran ranks. We are also committed to the prevention of homelessness and suicide in those populations.

I enjoy writing poetry, good books, being a mentor to my 13-year-old grandniece, Chanae. I am extremely pleased to be a part of the National Association for Black Military Women because we are a vital and very important part of American history, and the world should know that we served with courage, valor, and distinction.

Warmest Regards,
Shirley McDougald
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