

**SERGEANT MAJOR BRENDA L. BLIGEN**, entered the United State Army on April 26, 1984, as a Private First Class (PFC/E3) and retiring as Sergeant Major (SGM). She earned Military Occupational Specialties in Finance (73C, 44C), Human Resources (42A), and served as a Chief Paralegal (27D). Her stateside assignments included Fort Jackson (SC), Fort Benning (GA), Lexington (KY), Fort Benjamin Harrison (IN), Fort Dix (NJ), and Anchorage (AK). Overseas, she deployed to Jordan and multiple locations in Germany and Iraq. SGM Bligen was deployed in support of four major conflicts: the Gulf War, Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Iraq War. Throughout these operations and her numerous assignments, she received formal recognition for outstanding performance and leadership.

**Education:** Master of Business Administration , (Wilmington University); Master of Christian Education, (Pastoral Counseling) – (Liberty University)

### **Career Chronology**

- **1984** – Enlisted as PFC (E-3); completed Finance Specialist training; **Mid-1980s** – Served as Finance Specialist (73C) at Fort Jackson, SC; **Late-1980s** – Reclassified as 44C; assigned to Fort Benning, GA; **Early-1990s** – Human Resources Specialist (42A) duty at Lexington, KY and Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN; **1990–91** – Deployed in support of Gulf War operations; **Mid-1990s** – Paralegal Chief (27D) stationed at Fort Dix, NJ; **Late-1990s–2000s** – Overseas assignments in Jordan and Germany (Heidelberg, Wiesbaden, Babenhausen, Kaiserslautern); **1990s–2000s** – Participated in Bosnia and Kosovo conflict operations; **2000s** – Iraq War deployment; served in roles of strategic HR and financial oversight

### **Major Awards and Decorations**

- Combat Action Badge; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award); Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (5th Award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal w/ Campaign Star; Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award); Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ "M" Device and w/ 20-Year Silver Device

*“TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.”*