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498th welcomes a new NCO

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq – On Oct. 12, 2009, the 498th Transportation Co. held a company level ceremony in the motor pool area, where soldiers were being promoted to noncommissioned officers. Although some were becoming NCOs for the very first time in their military career, there were also Soldiers being promoted to higher levels in the NCO ranks. Becoming an NCO for the very first time made Sgt. Keisha Dewitt feel as though she had the opportunity to continue to demonstrate her potential, not only as a Soldier in the United States Army, but also as a leader of Soldiers.

Sgt. Keisha Dewitt is now a member of a time honored corps known as “The Backbone of the Army.” She is a 24 year old Soldier from Longs, S.C., and a wheeled vehicle operator, who also works in the personnel section of the 498th Transportation Co. **Staff Sgt. Demetrick Gamble, who is Sgt. Dewitt’s platoon sergeant from Rockhill, S.C., stated that “for the past five years that I have known her, Sgt Dewitt has been a hardworking, dedicated soldier. She has great**

potential and always willing to help others. Sgt Dewitt thrives in environments in which she is given greater responsibilities.”

As a civilian back in South Carolina, Sgt. Dewitt has a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. She works as a Deputy Sheriff for Lexington County in which she often conducts patrols. According to Sgt. Dewitt, being a Deputy Sheriff has helped her become a better Soldier because she really enjoys helping people and helping other Soldiers. In the future, Sgt. Dewitt plans to join the ranks of Commissioned Officers. “It’s really important to me that I learn, teach, and train as much as possible as an NCO, so that I may be beneficial to the next Soldier who wants to follow in my footsteps”, says Sgt. Dewitt.

In her free time, Sgt. Dewitt enjoys reading different types of books, working out, and training with fellow soldiers. She has family members who are currently in the United States Army or have retired from the Army. Dewitt has an uncle who is a Lt Col. and an uncle who retired as a Sgt. Maj. and according to Sgt. Dewitt, “It’s good to have the experience and perspective from both uncles because I sometimes have to ask them for advice on my military career.”



Oct. 12 was a good day for Sgt. Keisha Dewitt, of Longs, S.C. and a wheeled vehicle operator assigned to the 498th Transportation Co., 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade. She stands at the position of attention as the promotion orders are read for her to become a brand new noncommissioned officer.

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