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## Englewood resident retires after 32 years of service

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Chief Warrant Officer Joyce L. Simpson of Englewood, Tenn., was presented the Meritorious Service Medal during a recent retirement ceremony at Tennessee National Guard Headquarters. The ceremony, held on May 7, 2015 honored and recognized Chief Warrant Officer 4 Simpson's 32 years of total military service.

Simpson enlisted in the Army in 1983 serving a brief stint as an intelligence analyst prior to joining the Tennessee National Guard in 1986. She later was commissioned a Warrant Officer specializing as a Food Service Technician. Simpson deployed to Iraq with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during 2004-2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III where she oversaw food activities across five Forward Operating Bases throughout Northern Iraq. Her final assignment was at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 as the Senior Food Service Advisor for the Tennessee National Guard.

Simpson holds a bachelors degree in Fine Arts and a masters degree in Art Education both from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She currently works as an art teacher for McMinn Central High School where she twice won the award of McMinn County Teacher of the Year and was also a two time nominee for State Teacher of the Year.



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## PHOTO CAPTION:

**Photo 1:** Chief of Logistics for the Tennessee Military Department, Lt. Col. Tom Von Weisenstein, presents McMinn Central High School Teacher Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joyce Simpson with the Meritorious Service Medal upon completion of 32 years of total military service.

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