

**United States Army Soldier Support Institute
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Master Sergeant Melanie Williams was born in Bulacan, Philippines and immigrated to the United States after graduating from high school. She enlisted in the U.S. Army in May of 2003 through Oakland, CA MEPS. She attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training for 71L Administrative Specialist, now 42A Human Resources Specialist, at Fort Jackson, SC.

Master Sergeant Williams' assignments include Administrative Specialist for HHC, 8th U.S. Army, Yongsan, South Korea; Human Resources Specialist for 18th Personnel Services Battalion, Fort Drum, NY, where she deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Human Resources Sergeant for HQ, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC; Senior Human Resources Sergeant for HHD, 720th Military Police Battalion, Fort Hood, TX, where she deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Army Recruiter for Long Beach Company, Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion, CA; Senior Human Resources Sergeant for 593d Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA; First Sergeant for Charlie Company, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Jackson, SC.

Master Sergeant Williams' military education includes Company Commander/First Sergeant Course, Senior Leader Course (Commandant's List), Advanced Leader Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Basic Leader Course (Commandant's List), Master Resilience Training Course, and Army Recruiter Course to name a few. Master Sergeant Williams holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology (Cum Laude) and a Master of Science in Human Resources Management, both from Troy University.

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Recruiter Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. Master Sergeant Williams is a proud member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.