

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**MASTER SERGEANT
CARRIE I. VERNON-SPIVEY**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Master Sergeant Carrie I. Vernon-Spivey has served the Psychological Operations branch for more than 20 years as both a United States Army Non-Commissioned Officer and Department of the Army Civilian.

Originally from Northeast Iowa, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey enlisted in the United States Army in November 1993 as an Aviation Armament Specialist. In March 1999, she graduated from the Psychological Operations Specialist Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Upon graduation she deployed with the 9th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) in support of Operation Noble Anvil and again to Kosovo as part of the enduring mission. Master Sergeant Vernon-Spivey spent the majority of her operational time with 9th POB(A), also deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. After many leaflets, handbills and radio broadcasts while assigned to the Product Development Detachment, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey was assigned to the 1st Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne).

In 2005, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey was assigned to United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School as an instructor for the Psychological Operations Qualification Course, and later as a Drill Sergeant for the Psychological Operations Advanced Individual Training.

After completing Drill Sergeant duty, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey reported to the Human Resources Command as the Professional Development Non-commissioned officer for the Military Occupational Specialty 37F. She became the PD NCO at a time when the active duty 37F enlisted authorizations almost doubled, from 354 to more than 700 enlisted authorizations which would grow to almost 1500 during the three years Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey was assigned to Hyman Resources Command. Working closely with the Special Operations Recruiting Battalion and the USAJFKSWCS, she was responsible for the assignment and scheduling of in-service Soldiers requesting to reclassify to 37F, as well as managing the assignments and health of the active duty Psychological Operations population.

As her final active duty assignment, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey was assigned to USAJFKSWCS as the CMF37 Senior Career Manager. She built upon the knowledge gained while assigned to HRC while in this position. During this assignment, she saw the institution of PSYOP Assessment and Selection, the active duty 37F population shift to in-service accessions only and the base active duty grade becoming sergeant.

In August 2014, Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey entered civilian service with the Personnel Proponency section of the PSYOP Commandant's Office. One of the last projects she worked on prior to leaving USAJFKSWCS was the Initial Entry 37F option for active duty Soldiers.

Master Sergeant Vernon-Spivey continued to serve the Regiment through the PSYOP Regimental Association as treasurer for the national council from 2015 until 2019. She is a lifetime member of the PRA and the Psychological Operations Veteran's Association. Master Sgt. Vernon-Spivey is a Silver Robert A. McClure Award recipient.

Her awards include the Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Superior Civilian Service Medal, Civilian Service Commendation Medal, and Civilian Service Achievement Medal.

Master Sergeant Vernon-Spivey is married to Robert Spivey and they have one daughter. In 2019, after many years of living in the Fayetteville community, in they relocated to Prince George, Virginia.