

1SG Lashay Austin was born in East St. Louis, Ill. She enlisted into the United States Army in January 2004 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, SC. Upon completion of training, she was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 42A, Human Resources Specialist.

1SG Austin previous assignments included; G-1 NCOIC for CAC, Fort Leavenworth, KS., Protocol Liaison NCO and Senior HR SGT for the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army, Pentagon; Operations NCOIC, HHC Reception Company, Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion S-1 NCOIC, HHD 503D MP BN (ABN), Fort Bragg, NC, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Director of the Army Staff, Pentagon; Human Resources SGT for 165th Infantry BDE, Fort Jackson, SC; Battalion S-1 NCOIC for HQ, ARFOR, JTF-Bravo, Soto Cano, Honduras; PASR Division Team Lead NCO for 14th HRSC, 1st TSC, Fort Bragg, NC.

1SG Austin graduated from Wichita West High School in Wichita, KS. She attained an Associate's degree from the University of Management and Technology, Arlington, VA. Her military education includes all levels of NCOES through Master Leaders Course (MLC). Her other courses include Equal Opportunity Management Course, Executive Administrative Assistant Course (E3), Combat Lifesaver Course, Postal Operations (F5), Commander's Safety Course, Action Officer Development Course, Multinational Crisis Management, Supervisor Development Course.

1SG Austin's awards and decorations include 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 6 Army Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, 2 Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon and the U.S. Army Staff Identification Badge.

1SG Austin has one son Melvin.