



MARINA ELIZABETH LIBRO Master Sergeant, US Army Reserve



Marina was born March 1960 in Gloucester, MA and graduated Bishop Fenwick High School, in Peabody, MA. She graduated Spring Hill College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Communications and attained her Master's degree in Sports Administration and Management from United States Sports Academy in Mobile, Alabama.

Marina joined the Army in Boston, graduating Basic Training in February 1991 at top of her class. After attending Advanced Individual Training for MOS 88K10, "Watercraft Operator" at Fort Eustis, Virginia (FEVA), she was assigned to USARSO's 1097th Transportation Company, Fort Davis, Panama. When 1097th became a Multi-Composite Unit, she became one of the first Soldiers to license on every class vessel in the unit. She deployed in support of *Exercise Fuertes Camino* and conducted missions in support of Special Forces and Rangers at the *Jungle Operations Training Battalion*. As S2/3 NCO to HHC, 7th Transportation Group, FEVA, she deployed to Haiti in support of *Operation Uphold Democracy* as Operations Sergeant, in charge of tracking and coordinating movements of over 30 Army vessels, 30 Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships, and 7 humanitarian vessels. She conducted status briefings to *General Colin Powell* and *Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney* on repatriation of over 3700 Haitian refugees in Port au Prince.



Upon Marina's return from Haiti, she was assigned to 329th Transportation Company. Completing Active Duty in April 1995, she joined US Army Reserve's 680th Transportation Company, Fort Story, VA as a LARC



(Lighter, Amphibious Resupply, Cargo) Crew Chief. She made multiple deployments to Panama for Annual Training, where she supported Special Operations conducting *Jungle Operations*. Dual assigned in 680th Trans Co and as Senior Instructor / Writer for 88K Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to 7th Battalion, 80th Regiment, 4th Brigade, 80th Division (IT), FEVA. She licensed on Small (65') Tugboat, while developing MOS 88K certification training. In 1999, she established liaison between Total Army School System (TASS) Battalion, Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), and Army Transportation School for 88K training and re-wrote 88K Reserve Program of Instruction (POI) to mirror Active Component training,

In Oct 1999 Marina was recognized as first *National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) US Army Reserve Instructor of the Year*. In 2000, she achieved CASCOM accreditation for 88K Program of Instruction, and the 88K10 - 88K40 models were selected by CASCOM for nationwide implementation.

Mobilized to Active Duty in 2004 Marina served as Senior Instructor / Writer at US Army Transportation School, conducting training for Active and Reserve Component Soldiers.

After her promotion in 2006 to Master Sergeant / E8, she was selected as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) and Senior Instructor / Writer of the Maritime Training Department. During her tenure as MTD NCOIC, she managed all Initial Entry, NCOES and Functional courses for 88K and 88L vessels. She also served as Subject Matter Expert for Reserve 88K10 Distance Learning Course, reconfigured Warrior Week Situational Training Exercises (STX). Marina developed the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) and Traffic Control Point (TCP), STX for Initial Entry Training "Warrior Week".

During demobilization in October 2008, Marina was placed into Wounded Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Fort Eustis. While recovering from her illnesses and injuries, she maintained her job site with the Maritime Training Department, where she assisted with Instructor evaluations and instructing 88K 10-40 classes. In 2010 she became the Office of the Chief, Reserve Affairs enlisted liaison between the Transportation School, USAR, and CASCOM on all matters watercraft.

After her 2011 retirement from the Army, Marina continued volunteer work with Soldiers and Veterans, implementing Project Hero at McGuire Veteran's Administration, a rehabilitation program using adaptive bicycles to increase fitness, self-esteem, and camaraderie. She is a recipient of the Army Transportation Corps Regimental Association Ancient Order of St Christopher. The Honorable Order of Saint Christopher recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character; displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence; and served the Transportation Corps with selflessness. Marina is also a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

Marina married her longtime partner of more than 20 years, Rebecca Brashears (CW4, Ret. USA) in June 2015.

Marina continues engagement in the Transportation Corps as a volunteer on the Army Transportation Museum Foundation (ATMF) Board of Directors and as the 3rd Port Reunion Committee Chair.

Awards: Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (5), Army Achievement Medal (4), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal (Star Device), Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal Humanitarian Service Medal,

