



REBECCA SARITA BRASHEARS CW4, US Army

US Army 1984 - 2009

**Operation Just Cause (Panama)
Uphold Democracy (Haiti),
United Nations Mission in Haiti
Southern Watch (Persian Gulf)
Enduring Freedom (Pacific Theater)**

Becky was born 3 Jun in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was an Army dependent, spending 11 years in Germany and graduated from Kaiserslautern American High School, Kaiserslautern, W. Germany, working at the Child Care Center at Sembach Air Force Base as a child-care attendant prior to joining the Army.

Becky entered the service in 1984 via the delayed entry program, reported to Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ in March 1985 as a Private. In her first enlisted assignment, she received trophies for excelling in the Commanding General's Matches for M16 and M60 Machine Gun and her team took second place in the prestigious Super Squad competition. Her enlisted career culminated in her acceptance to Warrant Officer Candidate School in 1993.

Becky's pursuit of excellence continued throughout her Warrant Officer career, and endures with her Civilian career. Her contributions to the Transportation Corps are myriad, and include deployments to Haiti in 1994 for *Operation Uphold Democracy* two weeks before her graduation as a Distinguished Honor Graduate, and subsequent return to Haiti in 1995 to provide humanitarian support with the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

She operated a tugboat during the movement of Liberty Ship "Protector" from James River Reserve Fleet to Norfolk Shipyard, and a World War II reenactment with Liberty Ship "John W. Brown" in Solomon's Island, Maryland. While deployed in support of *Operation Southern Watch*, Becky developed the Force Protection measures still used today for US Army landing craft operating in the Persian Gulf.

Her assignment as instructor at US Army Transportation School (USATSCH) Maritime Training Directorate (MTD), provided opportunity to join the Theater Support Vessel (TSV) experimental



vessel program. Her contributions as Executive Officer / Chief Mate of High-Speed Vessel (HSV-X1) "Joint Venture", during *Millennium Challenge 2002* and *Exercise Victory Strike III* provided operational demonstrations of military potential for high speed vessel support, and led to the genesis of the Joint High-Speed Vessel (JHSV). In the process, the crew completed circumnavigation of the globe in 32 sailing days. Following her deployments, Becky developed the High-Speed

Craft Program of Instruction and in 2004 joined the Maritime Integrated Training Systems (MITS) team to build the Theater Support Vessel (TSV) Simulator.

As Commander of Theater Support Vessel (TSV-1X) "Spearhead" in 2005, Becky conducted Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations (ACTD) throughout the Pacific theater during *Cobra Gold* in Thailand and *Talisman Saber* in Australia. Her unit became the 1st non-Australian unit to receive a Commendation Award from Special Operations Commander, Australia. Her after-action reports on the TSV provided the basis for implementation of Remote Weapon System and Counter-missile capabilities throughout DoD today. As a Combat Developer in CASCOM, she revised Army Doctrine, providing current and relevant operational guidance for Army Transportation.



Becky retired from the Army in 2009 with over 24 years active Army service, receiving the Legion of Merit and the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher, Patron Saint of Transporters. She began work on her bachelor's degree in 2005, and completed her degree in 2011, graduating Cum Laude from

Saint Leo University. Her contributions to the Corps after retirement as a contractor and DA Civilian include work in areas improving Transportation capabilities in Convoy and Watercraft Protection, including in non-lethal weapons and munitions. Her collaboration with Joint and Army staffs in development of Joint and Army concepts continues to insure the inclusion of Army Transportation in the analysis. Her achievements over a lifetime of service resulted in her induction as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment in 2015.



She is an active Board of Directors member in the Army Transportation Museum Foundation, where she is chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. She plans and conducts the 3rd Port Reunion, an annual get-together of Army Mariners.

Becky married Marina Libro on 6 June 2015. They have furry and finned kids, none of the two-legged variety. Becky's mother Pearl V. Grosse (widow of SSG (Ret) James C. Grosse Sr., US Army), lives with them in Lanexa, VA.

Awards: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2), Humanitarian Service Medal (2), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2), Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, United Nations Mission In Haiti Service Medal.

