## U.S. ARMY SONG

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.

Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.

We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey!

The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong;

For where'er we go,

You will always know

That the Army goes rolling along.

## RETIREMENT CEREMONY

in honor of
MASTER SERGEANT
MARTY WINDHAM II



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
WEDNESDAY
23 APRIL 2025
10:00 A.M.

## MASTER SERGEANT MARTY WINDHAM II



MSG Jerry M. Windham II enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard on 25 April 1984 with the 162nd Military Police Company in Crystal Springs, MS. He attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort McClellan, Alabama which led to him returning as fully trained and qualified 95B (Military Police) Military Occupational Specialist. He served a six-year stint with the 162nd MPCO that would entail him in supporting State Active-Duty missions during Hurricane Elena as well as being a member of the Governor's Inauguration Detail in 1988.

He re-enlisted in 1990 and transferred to Detachment 1, Bravo Company, 106th Forward Support Battalion in Taylorsville, MS. During this period of service, MSG Windham reclassified and earned his second MOS as a 52C (Utilities Equipment Repairer.) He would serve in this capacity throughout the 106th FSB support to Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm while meeting training objectives at Camp Shelby, MS, Fort Hood, TX, and the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, CA. After being released from Active Duty (REFRAD) and returning to home station in May 1991, MSG Windham would once again reclassify and earn his third MOS as a 27E (Tow Missile/Dragon Repairer). MSG Windham served the 106th FSB for nine years before he transferred to HQ STARC, in Jackson, MS in April of 1999.

From 1999 to 2006, MSG Windham supported several stateside operations as the Global War on Terrorism contended to provide security both here at home and abroad. His talents were called to action as part of Operation Noble Eagle and later Task Force (TF) Falcon Forward 4 which called thousands of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers up to provide security to key infrastructure as part of our nation's strategy on protecting the homeland. He was released from active duty in January 2006 and returned to Joint Forces Headquarters. In 2008, he was awarded his fourth MOS, 88N (Transportation Management Coordinator). As a qualified 88N, he would transfer, be promoted, and assigned to the rear detachment of the 184th ESC in Hattiesburg, MS.

After a brief stint with 66th Troop Command, he would be promoted to MSG and appointed as the First Sergeant of the 1687th Transportation Company at Southaven, MS in December of 2013. During his three years of hands-on leadership, the 1687th TC provided the state's leadership with the flexibility to conduct medium truck operations throughout the entire year with its Year-Round Annual Training designation. With notable missions like Operation Southern Strike and the 2016 155 ABCT MIBT and the success that went along with those exercises, the 1687th TC became the combat multiplier it is today.

On 1 August 2016, after being selected for a reserved seat as a student of the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, reverting to MSG, and reassignment to Camp Shelby DOL, MSG Windham would successfully support his duties while he focused on completing the demanding USASMA curriculum. MSG Windham graduated with the USASMA Class 20-2018 at Fort Bliss, TX on29 June 2018.

In 2018, he would once again be reassigned to the 184th ESC, Support Operations cell and deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield/Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. His expertise as the fleet manager was relied on to ensure personnel within the SPO cell had the resources needed to perform its sustainment mission. Upon mission complete and being released from active duty, MSG Windham returned to Camp Shelby DOL until his transfer to Joint Forces Headquarters in Jackson, MS May 2022. He is currently positioned and retires from the G4 Section Senior Movement Coordinator with over forty-one years of military service.

MSG Windham's entered the federal technician program in February 2008. Prior to his current position as a WG 10 Step 5 Surface Maintenance Mechanic at FMS 3 in Brookhaven, he served as the Lead Motor Vehicle Operator at USPFO in Flowood MS for fourteen years.

His military awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Air Force Achievement Medal (1st Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (12th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (1st Award), Global War on Terrorism Service (1st Award), Armed Forces Reserve Army (Gold Hourglass, M Device w/No.3), Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (1st Award), Mississippi National Guard Medal of Efficiency (1st Award), Mississippi War Medal (2nd Award), Mississippi National Guard Longevity Medal (9th Award), Meritorious Unit Citation (1st Award), Overseas Service Bar (1st Award).

His civilian memberships include Veterans of Foreign Wars (Life Member), American Legion, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Mississippi (Life Member), Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM, Bunker Hill Lodge #311, Mount Olive, Mississippi (Worshipful Master), Oak Hill Lodge #553, Magee, Mississippi (Junior Warden), Mississippi York Rite Bodies, Commandery No.1, Jackson, Mississippi, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Jackson, Orient of Mississippi, Wahabi Shrine Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, Freemasons Riding Club, Nashville Tennessee Steel Guitar Association, Deep South Steel Guitar Association, and the Mississippi Steel Players Club.

MSG Windham and his wife Twila reside in Magee, Mississippi and have three children: Carl (deceased), Matthew, and Sara and her husband Bubba. They also have eight grandchildren: Skyler, Hailie, Blake, Bella, Khloe, Emily, Timothy, and Kate; along one great-grand-son, Kingston. Their life is made complete with their four fur babies: Mister, Maverick, Rascal, and Winnie.



## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION Brother Jacob Webb

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS LTC Chris Clark

INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY & FRIENDS MSG Marty Windham

SERVICE HISTORY LTC Chris Clark

REMARKS COL Thomas Howell

**REMARKS** MG Bobby M. Ginn Jr.

Awards/ Presentation COL Thomas Howell

**Promotion** 

**REMARKS**MSG Marty Windham

**ARMY SONG** 

BENEDICTION
Brother Jacob Webb