

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

MASTER SERGEANT
DAMARIO SANDERS



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MASTER SERGEANT DAMARIO SANDERS

MSG Damario Sanders entered the Michigan Army National Guard on the on 21 February 2002 with the D Co, 1-125th Infantry Battalion in Wyoming, MI as a 11B (Infantryman). He deployed to Egypt in 2004 for the MFO Mission. He deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006 as a Grenadier with Bravo Company, 1-125th where he participated in numerous combat missions and promoted to Sergeant. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in 2007 to the 1-125th IN BN B CO in Saginaw, MI. In 2008-2009 he was deployed to Ramada, Iraq as a Squad leader. He completed the Unit Career Counselor Course and Protective Security Detail Course. He was hired in the Active Guard and Reserve Program as a Battalion Retention NCO for the 1-126th Cavalry SQDN in Wyoming, MI in 2009 and served as Battalion Assistant OPS NCO. He completed Air Assault School in 2011. In 2012, he deployed to FOB Duffman, Afghanistan as a Platoon Sergeant. He was later promoted to Sergeant First Class as Readiness NCO for 1-126th CAV SQDN in Dowagiac, MI in October of 2012. He transferred to C CO 1-125 IN in Wyoming, MI in 2013. He transferred to F Co 106th in Grenada, MS as training NCO in October 2014 serving as a 91H (Tracked Mechanic). MSG Sanders completed the Equal Opportunity Leader Course in 2017. He transferred to A Battery 2-114th Strike BN in Columbus, MS as supply NCO (92Y) in September 2017. He deployed to Kuwait and Syria in 2018-2019. He transferred to A CO in Starkville, MS as a recruiter in July of 2019. He was transferred and promoted back to Sergeant First Class as Readiness NCO in FSC 890th EN BN in September of 2019. MSG Sanders completed the SHARP certification course in 2021. He was transferred to the 2nd Ordnance BN Chief Instructor/Writer on 1 February 2023 where he will retire after a 24 years plus career. MSG Sanders has attended all required levels of the Noncommissioned Officers Education System. He has earned a bachelor's degree from University of Arizona and is pursuing his master's degree.

MSG Sanders's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Bronze Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Bronze Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Nato Medal with ISAF Clasp, Multi-National Forces Observer Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Armed Forces Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon w/ Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon w/ Numeral 4, Michigan Legion of Merit Medal, Michigan Outside United States Ribbon w/ Numeral 3, Michigan War on Terrorism Ribbon with M Device, Mississippi Broadsword Service Medal with 2 Gold Stars, Mississippi War Medal, Mississippi Longevity Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, Pennsylvania Governors Citation Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge, Basic Army Instructor Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Mechanic Clasp, Expert Rifle marksman Badge, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation.

MSG Sanders is known as a dedicated leader, mentor, and professional NCO who has devoted his career to preparing enlisted and officers for mission success. He currently resides in Gulfport, MS with his beautiful wife, LaShonta. They have six children.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

WELCOME

ENTRANCE OF
OFFICIAL PARTY

POSTING OF COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

RECOGNITION OF
FAMILY AND GUEST

SUMMARY OF
SERVICE.

REMARKS OFFICIAL
PARTY

OFFICIAL AWARDS

GUEST REMARKS/
GIFT PRESENTATION

REMARKS

BENEDICTION

THE ARMY SONG

RETRIVING OF THE
COLORS

DEPARTURE OF
OFFICIAL PARTY

DISMISSAL