

U.S Army turns 250, Woman recounts her time in service



Denise Staley during her promotion to Master Sergeant in 2021

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Somebody light the candles! The United States Army turned 250 Saturday, June 14. The date marks the birth of the Continental Army in 1775. And with 250 years of history behind its belt, it means 250 years of service, memories, and stories.

Denise Staley of Flaherty shares her experience, joining the army in her junior year of high school in 1990. It was April eighth, her sister’s birthday. “I didn’t realize it was her birthday the day I joined until she pointed it out to me.” She laughed fondly about the memory. Why did she join? The answer is simple. Staley said that she had no interest in college, and the military was already prevalent in her family. So, she joined to

serve her country.

“My dad was in the Air Force, and a few aunts and uncles served here and there. My favorite aunt was in the Women’s Air Corps, so I think that is what really got me.” She stated proudly while recalling her family history in military service. “It was sort of a family tradition, but it wasn’t a requirement or anything.”

Staley recalls that at first, it was not the career she saw herself in at all. She did not have the mindset that it would be a lifelong career for her, rather something occupational at the time. “I wouldn’t trade it out, though.” She expressed proudly.

Staley recalls that patriotism means a lot to her, especially with her reason to join being that she wanted to serve her country. “It definitely isn’t for everyone.” She says.



Staleys mother, herself, and her father the day she graduated basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey

“Some people are just there for the paycheck, and then they move on. I was there to do a job that I loved doing.” She says with a soft smile. “I would do it all over again exactly the same.” She answers when asked if she would do anything different if she was given the chance to do over with her career path.

“The army definitely has some fun traditions.” Staley informs us. Her husband, Thomas Staley, is currently away in Germany for work reasons related to his service in the army. “He said that this weekend he was running a 5k, and I asked why.” She laughed. “And it turns out; they run every army birthday. They will be running in Fort Knox too. It is just something they do.”

Staley now lives in retirement which went into effect August 1st of 2024, enjoy-

ing her time at home celebrating 250 years of the U.S Army. In her closing statement, she says “I take a lot of pride in the fact that I faithfully served in the army for over 27 years. I never did my job for the accolades. I genuinely enjoyed being a soldier and helping other soldiers. It’s traditions and culture aren’t for everyone, but it definitely was for me.”

The U.S army started as a ragtag group of soldiers Army for their freedom to being served in by millions of men and women through history who work to preserve our freedoms and defend our country. There are hundreds out there with stories similar to Staley, who take pride in their service to their country through the army and enjoy its traditions. Very proudly, we wish the U.S Army a happy 250th birthday.

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