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Category: 10) Paul D. Savanuck Military Print Journalist of the Year

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Entry Title: Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells, Print Journalist of the Year

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Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells

Gender: Female

Comments/Significant Contributors:

(list up to five for unit awards only and note gender)

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27 January 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR US Army Reserve Command Public Affairs Office,
Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 28310

SUBJECT: Nomination of SSG Sharilyn Wells for the Keith L. Ware
competition, Category O: Paul D. Savanuck Military Print
Journalist of the Year (Individual Category).

1. SSG Sharilyn Wells has continuously proven her mettle as an experienced and talented journalist as well as a senior Army Reserve NCO. Through her dedication to mission and a high level of professionalism, she has repeatedly proven to be a valuable member of the USACAPC(A) Public Affairs team.

2. SSG Wells is a Troop Program Unit Army Reserve Soldier and is always the first to volunteer to travel in order to provide PA support and coverage to USACAPC's units, located in 31 states. She is always willing to put in the extra time and effort to accomplish assigned missions, all while balancing a full-time civilian job and a growing family.

3. SSG Wells had six of her print stories published by the Ft. Bragg newspaper, Paraglide. The newspaper also features her photographs of animals at the Ft. Bragg Animal Shelter, significantly helping the adoption process of many animals. SSG Wells also had at least two of her photographs featured in image spread on the AKO Log In page.

4. In 2013, SSG Wells was recognized in three categories in the Army Digital Photography Contest: Third Place, Best in the Army, for her emotional Vietnam veteran image 'Remembering Bobby'; Second place in the digital darkroom category, for her image of a World War II re-enactor and dog, Sword Beach, Normandy, France, during the 2012 remembrance ceremonies for D-Day; and honorable mention for her black and white image 'Forgotten Dye'. The story can be found here:
<http://paraglideonline.net/articles/2013/03/07/Fort-Bragg-photographers-among-best-in-Army>.

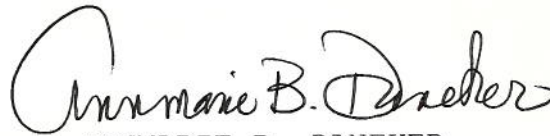
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SUBJECT: Nomination for SSG Sharilyn Wells for Keith L. Ware Competition

5. As a senior Army Reserve NCO, SSG Wells provides mentorship and leadership to her subordinates and has earned the respect of her peers. She maintains communication with her Soldiers in between Battle Assembly weekends and ensures they are prepared for all missions. She upholds the Army Values and instills the same in the Public Affairs section.

6. SSG Wells is in compliance with the height and weight standards established by AR 600-9.

7. SSG Wells is an excellent Troop Program Unit 'Reserve' Soldier, successfully balancing both a full-time civilian career and extensive Army Reserve requirements. She is a true role model to other Soldiers and journalists, and I take great pride in nominating her for the Paul D. Savanuck Military Print Journalist of the Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Annmarie B. Daneke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

ANNMARIE B. DANEKER
LTC, LG
Public Affairs Officer

Upon joining the U.S. Army Reserve in December of 2007, Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells has been given leadership roles such as the PSYOP team leader as well as the G3 Plans project administrator. In July of 2008, Wells joined the Public Affairs team as a photographer and videographer. She is certified in Microsoft Project Management through InovaTech College and photographer through Penn Foster University. She earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in 2011 from Methodist University in Sociology and Justice Studies. Wells was employed to write and photograph for Fort Bragg's community paper, The Paraglide, in 2009. During her three years at the paper, she built, managed and maintained a photograph archiving system, trained others on camera technology and how to composite great images, as well as writing weekly stories.

Wells began her Army career in October of 2003 after being in the delayed entry program for four months. After completion of basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., she headed to Fort Bragg, N.C., to continue her advanced individualized training as a psychological operations specialist. Airborne school soon followed at Fort Benning Ga., and then she returned back to Fort Bragg to learn Korean at the Special Operations Language Training Center. Upon completion of language training, she was stationed at 4th Psychological Operations Group, specializing in the PACOM area, mostly Korea. Assigned to Co. A, 5th Psychological Operations Battalion, Wells was part of the Plans and Programs Detachment, being promoted before her peers and earning the job title of Product Development Detachment NCOIC during a Korean exercise, briefing two-star general officers as a newly-promoted sergeant. She also held the position of Company Training NCO.

Wells' military awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, three Army Commendation Awards, and the Army Meritorious Service Medal. She has a Parachutist Badge, as well as Polish, German and Korean badges. She placed in the Brumfield Recipient Excellence in Journalism Awards in 2009 and 2012, ultimately placing her in the Keith L. Ware Excellence in Journalism Award in 2009 and 2012. She also placed in the 2008, 2011 and 2012 All Army Photography contests. She was also awarded the highest achievement award at the local newspaper her first year working for the company. She now owns and runs a photography business while raising two boys.

Wells graduated from Basic High School in 2002 and began her college degree in general studies at Community College of Southern Nevada. A high school friend recommended the Army to her in the beginning of 2003 and she never looked back. If it weren't for Spc. Ignacio "Nacho" Ramirez, who was killed in 2006 serving in Iraq, Wells would have never joined the Army, as the Air Force blood ran thick in her family. Her older brother also served in the Air Force.

Wells was born to two Air Force master sergeants in 1984 at Hahn Air Base, Germany. After her parents' tour in Germany, they moved to Aviano Air Base, Italy for three years, making her first visit to the United States at six years old, at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. Six years later, her parents were stationed at Nellis AFB, Nev., where they eventually retired after over 20 years of service.



Print Media Category

Category O: Paul D. Savanuck Military Print Journalist of the Year

U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne)

Introduction

Nominee: Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells, U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne)

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1. Santa's Helpers Wear Parachutes (photojournalism)
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/117987/santas-helpers-wear-parachutes-paratroopers-jump-into-clouds-give-children-around-community-holiday-they-wont-forget>
(<http://bit.ly/Mq6v1X>)
2. Civil Affairs Soldiers to Compete in Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition (news)
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/107382/civil-affairs-soldiers-compete-us-army-reserve-best-warrior-competition>
(<http://bit.ly/19ZISug>)
3. United Kingdom Army Reserve Soldiers Beat the Heat, Train with U.S. Counterparts (news)
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/110884/united-kingdom-army-reserve-soldiers-beat-heat-train-with-us-counterparts>
(<http://bit.ly/1gnhph6>)
4. Attention! Civil Affairs Soldier Stands for Good Cause (feature)
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/113434/attention-civil-affairs-soldier-stands-good-cause>
(<http://bit.ly/LkINhE>)
5. Simon Says...Toy Drop! (feature)
<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/119748/simon-says-toy-drop>
(<http://bit.ly/1evncu3>)

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