

My name is Colonel (Retired) Sandra Lee (Bowman) Keefer. I was born in Madison, Wisconsin. I graduated from Luther L. Wright High School in 1978 at which time I attended Gogebic Community College and Northern Michigan University. I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in our United States Army through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan in 1983. After graduating from the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and the Lance Missile Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, my first assignment was at Herzo Base, Herzogenaurach Germany, where I served as a Launcher Platoon Leader; Assembly/Transport Platoon Leader; Fire Direction Officer and Property Book Officer/Assistant S4, 2-377th Field Artillery Battalion until August 1987. Following attendance at the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course (Fort Sill, Oklahoma), I returned, again to Germany until December 1990 where I served as an Assistant S3; Battery Commander and Battalion S3 (Operations Officer), 2-12th Field Artillery Battalion.

In 1990, I requested a branch transfer and was transferred to the Adjutant General Branch and was reassigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. After holding several positions to include a second company command, I was transferred in 1994 to attend the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After graduation in 1995, I was assigned to Fort Hood Texas, where I served as the Chief, Strength Management; Deputy G1, 1st Cavalry Division and Battalion Executive Officer, 556th Personnel Services Battalion. Following my Fort Hood assignment, I reported for duty at U.S. Personnel Command (PERSCOM), Alexandria, Virginia, in July 1998. At which time I was assigned to the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate (EPMD), Distribution Division as the Chief, Combat Support Section and later as the Executive Officer to the General in charge of the Directorate.

In August 2001, I assumed command of the 678th Personnel Services Battalion, a Reserve Component Command in Nashville, TN. My

command deployed in February 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon completed of command, I was assigned to the Pentagon until the summer of 2005 when I departed to attend the Army War College in Carlyle PA. Upon graduation, I was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1 for Army Materiel Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In March 2008, I became the Acting G1 (Two Star Billet) until my retirement on 1 January 2009.

As a civilian I worked for Booz Allen Hamilton from 2009-2013 as a project manager for several personnel projects for the Army. After taking a year off, I moved to Ironwood Michigan the summer of 2015 to accept the position of Senior Army Instructor for the Luther L. Wright JROTC program.

Civilian Education:

Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan (1978-1980)

Northern Michigan University, Marquette Michigan, Criminal Justice, BS (1983)

Central Michigan University, Schofield Barracks Hawaii, Public Administration, MSA (1995)

United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA, Master's Degree in Strategic Studies (2006)

I have one daughter, Katelyn Marie who is a junior attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. She is studying Early Childhood Education.

Teaching for me is my way of giving back. My hope is that I will be able to impact at least one child in a positive way. I also want to be a role model for our young women to show them that you can be successful if you work hard.