

# Diamond is warrant officer of year

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One of the 100th Division's soldiers has received national recognition for her outstanding work.

Chief Warrant Officer Janie Diamond, a military personnel technician at the 100th Division (IT) headquarters in Louisville, Ky., was named the Michael J. Novosel Reserve Officer's Association Warrant Officer of the Year on Jan. 21 in Washington D.C.

Diamond, a 28-year Army veteran, was presented the award at the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference at a ceremony attended by Lt. Gen. James Helmly, Chief of the Army Reserve. Diamond was one of three Army Reserve warrant officers named a finalist in this year's competition. She had to stand before a personal appearance board while in the nation's.

Diamond had to prepare a packet for this year's competition, which she submitted to the Department of Kentucky Reserve Officer's Association. The Department of Kentucky ROA chose Diamond to represent Kentucky.

After being sent to the national level, Diamond's packet was reviewed by a Reserve Officer's Association board, which chose Diamond and two other warrant officers as this year's finalists.

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her packet, but after being chosen as one of three national finalists, put herself through preparation for the personal appearance board in Washington D.C.

"I was nervous, but had a lot of interview tips from supporters," she said.

Diamond, who served in the enlisted ranks for 17 years, rising master sergeant, was appointed as a warrant officer in 1992. She said peer pressure had a bit to do with her career change.

"Several of my mentors at the time were warrant officers, and they wouldn't take no for an answer," joked Diamond of her appointment to the warrant officer ranks.

Diamond, who also works full-time as a staff training officer for the division, pointed to this memorable experience as one that she strived for.

"Winning this award became a goal that I wanted to achieve," said Diamond. "It was truly an exciting experience."

Winning this year's award as the Army Reserve's most outstanding warrant officer wasn't just an individual honor, according to Diamond. It was an award for the 100th Division as well, she said, displaying the attribute of selfless-service that undoubtedly helped selection as the winner.

"Anytime someone with a 100th Division patch is recognized in any way it is beneficial to us all," said Diamond. "It shows that we have soldiers that strive to be the best."

Diamond also displays that selfless-service on a routine basis outside of her military life, as one of her volunteer duties is serving as a court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children.

Diamond began her military career with the 100th Division in 1977, taking it on as just a part-time job, but then began to enjoy the benefits of her service. She now takes great pride in her full-time work with the military.

"I have stayed in almost 29 years because I found that I liked the idea of service to my country," said Diamond.