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Nomination for the George Mason University's "Make a Difference" Patriot Award

Nominee:

SFC Dawna A. Brown
Attention: ARNG-HCM
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The ARNG highly recommends SFC Dawna A. Brown be considered for this award.

Supporting Rational:

With 14 years of service to her country, SFC Dawna A. Brown is the epitome of a Citizen-Soldier. Her time in uniform includes a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her countless recognitions and awards include: 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 11 Army Commendation Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medals, and a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, along with a perfect score of 300 on a recent Army Physical Fitness Test. But it is SFC Brown's exceptional service and dedication to her community that sets her apart.

SFC Brown continues to make major contributions to a range of worthy civic organizations and causes since being assigned to the ARNG Human Capital Management division in September of 2014. Among her many accomplishments she planned, coordinated, and promoted the 1st Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) Golf Tournament for Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE) Cancer Research. The tournament, the first of its kind, has raised more than \$10,000 dollars and increases awareness for EHE, a rare form of cancer which strikes adolescents. The fund-raising effort was supported by the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff and began an annual tradition. SFC Brown has been recognized by the Military District of Washington Command Sergeant Major, and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff for her outstanding community and Soldier support.

Her deep devotion can be measured by the countless hours she spends helping volunteer non-profit groups including the escorting of veterans who are participants in the "Honor Flight" program. SFC Brown helped enhance volunteer efforts by supporting the annual Make a Difference Day with over 35 volunteers for events such as the "Day of Remembrance" by leading a team to spruce up and beautify the Historic Congressional Cemetery and Shepard's Park. Her dedication and concern for our service members, families, civilians, and veterans is a testament of her giving spirit and commitment to serving. She also serves ably as Vice President to the Military District of Washington and as a Volunteer Representative with Fort Myer-Henderson Hall.

Education is another of SFC Brown's passions. She joined others in a concerted effort to establish the SAMC Scholarship Fund to award Senior High School students. This scholarship recognizes service members' children from all military components and enhances the Army National Guard's partnership with our Joint Forces. The fund offers the opportunities to students who want to continue their education at the collegiate level.

Recommendation: SFC Dawna A. Brown be selected as this year's recipient of the George Mason University's "Make a Difference" Patriot Award based on her outstanding military leadership and the exceptional community service displayed throughout a broad range of assignments. Her prolific accomplishments as a true Patriot have resulted in the betterment of countless people of all ages. Her dedication and National Guard experience, and the very high esteem in which she is held by her fellow Soldiers, makes SFC Dawna a worthy recipient of this award.