

## **CW3 Candice Cheree Caudill**

Leadership Instructor, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College

Chief Warrant Officer Three Candice Caudill, daughter of two Army Veterans, Wende (Reese) Wehner and David Caudill, step-father Tim Wehner and brother Blaine Caudill, Air Force Master Sergeant. CW3 Caudill enlisted in the Army as a Private from Greenbush, MN in the summer of 2001 as a Heavy-Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, 63S.

CW3 Caudill's first assignment was to Delta 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Babenhausen, Germany, 14 Jan 2002 – 14 Jan 2004, as a Heavy Wheeled Mechanic and Battalion Heavy Wheeled Recovery Operator. Promoted from Private thru Specialist during this time frame.

On 13 March, 2003 CW3 Caudill was deployed to Turkey for Operation Northern Watch in support of the initial invasion of Iraq. She served as the main recovery operator for the base.

In 2004, CW3 Caudill was assigned to 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Fort Carson, CO as the Battalion Heavy Wheeled Recovery Operator, promoted to Sergeant. She graduated as Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Hood, TX.

Deployed 2005-2006; CW3 Caudill was assigned to HHC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson and was deployed for 12 months to Forward Operating Base War Horse, Baqubah Providence, Iraq. She served as the Battalion Heavy Wheeled Recovery Sergeant, Shop foreman, and the Sergeant in charge of the main military lane for the FOB. Her unit was part of the U.S. led coalition that took out Abu al-Zarqawi, the man in charge of the beheadings happening at the time.

Deployed 2007-2009; CW3 Caudill was assigned to HHT, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and was deployed for 15 months to Joint Operations Base Taji and Forward Operating Base War Eagle in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant in March 2008. She served as the Battalion Heavy Wheeled Recovery Sergeant and Motor Sergeant. Her unit was part of the U.S. assault to end the Siege of Sadr City. Upon redeployment back to Fort Carson, CW3 Caudill attended Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD.

Deployed 2010-2011; CW3 Caudill was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion and deployed for 12 months to Camp Bucca, Umm Qasr, Forward Operating Base Basrah and Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. She served as Battalion Motor Sergeant and was in charge of the fleets for the Navy Seabees, Navy Seal Team, 3ID attachments, Special Forces Team, and home station equipment. She also served as Platoon Sergeant for 16 NCOs and 39 Soldiers. Her team was heavily involved with the closing of the 4 military bases. Upon redeployment, she was Department of the Army selected to attend AIT Platoon Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, SC. During the schooling, she was selected to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School.



In June 2012, CW3 Caudill attended Warrant Officer Candidate School in Fort Rucker, AL. Upon completion and appointment to Warrant Officer 1, she attended Warrant Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, VA where upon completion she was given the MOS of 915A, Automotive Maintenance Warrant Officer.

From 2012-2015 CW3 Caudill was assigned to the largest Battalion in the Army, 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Brigade, located at Fort Knox, KY. She served as the Battalion Maintenance Tech in charge of 7 Companies 4000 major end item pieces of equipment along with the 210 maintenance personnel within the 7 maintenance sections.

Deployed 2013-2014; CW3 Caudill was deployed on a 6 month tour to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. During this tour, she also deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan where two of her Companies were located. She was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2 in August 2014.

From 2016-2019, CW3 Caudill was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne (Air Assault) Division. She served as the Squadron Maintenance Tech in charge of 5 Troops 6400 major end item pieces of equipment, 6 NCOs and 35 Soldiers. She attended and graduated as Distinguished Honor Graduate at Warrant Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, VA.

From 2019-present, CW3 Caudill is assigned to the Warrant Officer Career College, Fort Rucker, AL. She serves as the Leadership Instructor for the Warrant Officer Candidate School. Currently she has taught over 400 candidates who have graduated and become Warrant Officers. She was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 3 in August 2019.

CW3 Caudill's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Army Commendation Medal (8 awards), the Army Achievement Medal (5 awards), Valorous Unit Award (2 awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards), Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), National Defense Service Medal (2 stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (6 stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (4). CW3 Caudill has earned the Drivers and Mechanic Badge. She is a recipient of the Order of the Samuel Sharpe and Noble Patron of Armor Awards.