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Vernella Fowler promoted to Major

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Capt. Vernella Fowler was promoted to the rank of Major during a ceremony held at the Chattanooga National Guard Armory, July 16.

Her new rank was presented and pinned on her uniform by her husband Jonathan as Lt. Col. Travis Taylor, the 230th Sustainment Brigade Support Operations Officer, presided over the ceremony.

“Vernella is a tremendously talented and dedicated officer,” said Taylor. “This promotion is in recognition of her limitless potential for further service and contribution to the Tennessee National Guard.”

Fowler is currently serving as the 230th Sustainment Brigade's Human Resource Operations Branch Chief where she provides guidance, expertise, leadership, and management to the brigade, its supported units, and its customer units in all aspects of human resource.

“I thank God for this career opportunity,” said Fowler. “I am honored to serve in the Tennessee Army National Guard and grateful for the trust imposed on me.”

Originally from Marks, Mississippi, Fowler was a 2004 graduate of Madison Shannon Palmer High School and enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard in August 2003, while still attending high school. She served with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team as she attended the University of Mississippi in Oxford, graduating in 2010 and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant from University of Mississippi Army ROTC program.

In 2013, Fowler transferred to the Tennessee National Guard and continues to call Marks, Mississippi, home.

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Lt. Col. Travis Taylor, the 230th Sustainment Brigade Support Operations Officer, congratulates Maj. Vernella Fowler on her promotion during a ceremony at the Chattanooga National Guard Armory, July 16.

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