

NARRATIVE

20 years

DURING THE PERIOD 16 APRIL 1970 TO 30 APRIL 1990, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MARVIN D. MCPHERSON, ██████████, SUPERBLY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS AND SELFLESS SERVICE. OF THESE, SIX YEARS WERE SPENT OVERSEAS IN THE SERVICE OF THE ARMY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. DURING HIS MERITORIOUS CAREER, CW4 MCPHERSON ENDURED THE HARDSHIPS OF WAR AND PEACE EARNING AWARDS FOR VALOR AND SERVICE. AMONG THESE ARE; TWO BRONZE STARS, ONE WITH VALOR; TEN AIR MEDALS, ONE WITH VALOR; TWO ARMY COMMENDATION MEDALS AND THE PURPLE HEART. HE WAS ALSO AWARDED THE MASTER ARMY AVIATOR BADGE AND PARACHUTIST BADGE FOR HIS ENDEAVORS IN ARMY AVIATION. AFTER CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MCPHERSON RETURNED FROM HIS TOUR IN VIETNAM, WHERE HE FLEW COMBAT MISSIONS AS AN OH-6 SCOUT PILOT ASSIGNED TO THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, HE PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS TESTS TOWARDS THE ADVANCEMENT OF AVIATION INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORIGINAL ATTACK HELICOPTER CONCEPTS AND TACTICS DOCTRINE, THE Q MODEL COBRA TEST, THE TOW MISSILE TEST AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TACTICS FOR DEPLOYMENT. IN HIS PURSUIT OF CONTINUED EXCELLENCE HE BECAME AN OH-58 INSTRUCTOR PILOT. ONE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MCPHERSON'S MORE NOTABLE DEMONSTRATIONS OF TRUE PROFESSIONALISM WAS SEEN DURING HIS ENSUING TOUR IN GERMANY WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 3D AVIATION BATTALION AS A MAINTENANCE OFFICER AND TEST PILOT. DURING THESE THREE YEARS OF STEADFAST DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE, CW4 MCPHERSON ESTABLISHED HIGH MAINTENANCE STANDARDS THAT ENSURED THE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT RECEIVED BY NOT ONLY HIS OWN SOLDIERS AND UNITS, BUT TO ALL WHOM HE SUPPORTED ON SEVERAL MAJOR EXERCISES. IN ADDITION, HE MASTERFULLY DIRECTED THE EFFORTS OF ALL PERSONNEL, MANAGED AND ENSURED COMPLETION OF ALL SUSPENSE ACTIONS, ALL OF WHICH CULMINATED IN AN AVAILABILITY RATE ABOVE 85 PERCENT FOR HIS ENTIRE TOUR. CW4 MCPHERSON'S PERSONAL EFFORTS AND FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO E TROOP, 1ST (AIR) CAVALRY, FT. WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA, RESULTED IN SUPERIOR RESULTS INCLUDING A COMMENDABLE RATING FROM AN INSPECTOR GENERAL INSPECTION, WHILE ACTING AS THE BATTALION S-4. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MCPHERSON WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO FORT RUCKER WHERE HE SERVED AS AN AH-1 INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND MOI PLATOON LEADER. HIS EFFORTS LED

TO THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN USE. MOST NOTEWORTHY OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE THOSE WHICH LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE AH-64 (APACHE) SINGLE STATION UNIT FIELDING TRAINING PROGRAM BY THE 2ND BATTALION, 229TH AVIATION REGIMENT CONDUCTED AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS. AS THE UNIT'S AH-64 STANDARDIZATION INSTRUCTOR PILOT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MCPHERSON'S GUIDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT PRODUCED THE BATTALION'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING UTILIZED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED ON THE RECENT AVIATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SURVEY INSPECTION. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR MCPHERSON BUILT A RECORD OF SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT BASED ON SOUND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND PROVEN LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MARVIN C. MCPHERSON'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNITS, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND HAS FOREVER EARNED HIM THE RESPECT OF A GRATEFUL NATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.