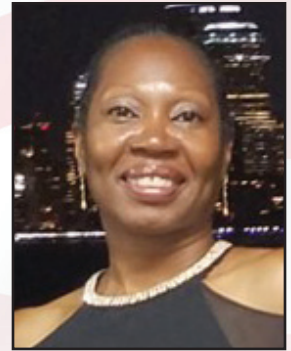


## Trachelle M. Apson

**Sergeant Trachelle M. Apson** is the native daughter of New York where she was reared and received her education. She joined the U.S. Army while in high school. After graduating from Grace H. Dodge High School in June 1987, she left for Ft. Jackson, SC in December 1987 to begin her military career, in which she served on active duty and the Reserves for several years. She is a decorated Veteran who served during the Desert Storm/Gulf War Era.



SGT Apson was surrounded by strong military influences such as, her mother –SSgt Blondell Apson (Air Force), uncle MSG Earnest Gamble (Marines and Army), and a host of cousins, especially SFC Alvin Blake (Army), whom all exemplified honor in serving their country.

During her military tenure, SGT Apson served at 10th Brigade Air Defense Artillery in Darmstadt, Germany; the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. Her tenure at the Pentagon was during the Desert Storm Era, in which she assisted with Congressional responses to family members of the servicemembers who were sent to the front line to **SERVE** and **PROTECT**.

SGT Apson received an honorable discharge from active duty in December 1991, then immediately joined the Army Reserves where she served at FT. Belvoir in VA and 1029th Training Unit in Randallstown, MD until the unit was closed under BRAC. While serving at 1029th, she returned several times to her beginnings at 369th at Ft. Jackson to serve as a Training NCO.

She is committed to assisting fellow servicemembers, veterans, and their family members.

Her love, dedication and appetite to serve others lead her to join St. Luke's AME Church (Harlem), and several nonprofit organizations notably, the NAACP, Blacks-in-Government (BIG) and the National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW).

As a member of BIG, she works with the Veterans Emphasis Group to collect and distribute toiletries to homeless veterans annually during the BIG Annual Training Conference. In addition, while serving as President of the local Chapter – Lower Manhattan Chapter, she coordinated with Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVSJ) to donate toys to the children of veterans for Christmas. Additionally, she attended a meeting between BIG and Katherine L. Archuleta, OPM Director at the time, in which she served as a panelist to discuss the challenges many Black female veterans experience when trying to obtain Federal employment.

SGT. Apson is a graduate of the Bronx Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies and also Fordham University where she earned her Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. As a member BIG, she was afforded the opportunity to attend and graduate from the Darlene Young Leadership Academy (DYLA). Attending this academy has yielded many positive outcomes such as professional growth and opportunities as well as networking contacts.

She works diligently to lead and fulfill the mission of the Associations of membership by offering professional and personal training to the members as well as providing community service initiatives to include Back-to-School and Christmas gift giveaways annually.

One capstone of Trachelle's career is to share her God-given gift – a servant heart. SGT Apson remains committed to assisting veterans, servicemembers and their families, as well as, serving as an advocate for veterans especially employment in the Federal sector.