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## DEBORAH M. NORMAN

Deborah Michelle Norman was born in New Rochelle, New York. At an early age her family moved to Mount Vernon where she attended Mount Vernon Public Schools.

After High School Ms. Norman immediately joined the United States Army in 1980. She began her career as an Active duty Military Police Officer and was stationed worldwide within the Army. Some of her assignments were Fort McClellan, AL.; Fort Stewart, GA; Fort Belvoir, VA; Berlin Brigade Germany; Panama; Guantanamo Bay Cuba (GITMO) and Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York. She attained the rank Master Sergeant and retired after 22 years of service.

Her assignments were MP Patrol Officer, MP Patrol Supervisor, MP Desk Sergeant, Crime Prevention Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), MP Physical Security Inspector, MP Investigator, Drug Suppression Supervisor with the US Army Criminal Investigation Division (USACID), Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Equal Opportunity NCO, (EEOC) Drill Sergeant Instructor, Operations Sergeant and Acting First Sergeant.

Ms. Norman attended many military schools and military courses throughout her career, she received an Army Achievement Medal for being selected as Distinguished Graduate of the Primary Leadership Academy, where she was the #1 academic student out of 161 fellow soldiers. Her additional awards includes three Meritorious Service Medals, eight Army Commendation Medals, seven Army Achievement Awards and numerous Citations for Excellence.

In 2002, Ms. Norman retired from the Army and came back home to Mount Vernon where she was appointed by Mayor Ernest D. Davis as the first woman Deputy Fire Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Fire Department. For the past 17 years, she has worked for four City Administrations, servicing the community as Deputy Commissioner of Planning and Community Development and Deputy Police Commissioner/ Parking Bureau in 2016. In January 2020, she was promoted and appointed by Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard as the city's first woman Fire Commissioner. She is a former District Leader of the Mount Vernon Democratic City Committee. She is a lifetime member along with her father Mr. George Lee Jr. of the Aaron A. Lewis VFW Post 6396 in Mount Vernon.

Ms. Norman is a proud mother of her only daughter Devyn M. Norman, her two grandsons and the proud daughter of her parents, Laura Norman-Byrd and George C. Lee Jr.



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