

## Shore native awarded Timothy J. Maude Medal

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COB SPEICHER, IRAQ -- An Eastern Shore native serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq was recently recognized as the Adjutant General Corp's Warrant Officer of the Year and awarded the Timothy J. Maude Medal for Distinguished Achievement.

Treherneville native Chief Warrant Officer 2 Pamela Rogers, 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion Human Resources Technician, was nominated and took part in a nationwide competition among warrant officers from other U.S. bases to win the award.

The Maude Medal is named after a general who was killed in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, and its recipients must display some of the characteristics of the general for which it is named, Rogers said. Nominees submit an essay for the competition, and she "focused on his ... desire to care for soldiers and their families."

"That is what I love about the Army," Rogers said.

After early-morning physical training, she spends her day in her office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. helping to serve soldiers.

"We want to ensure that when soldiers go out... everything else is taken care of," she said. This includes medical benefits, pay and simply accounting for all soldiers.

The 1987 Northampton High School graduate entered the Army intending to stay only four years.

"Here I am 14 years later, and I'm still around," she said. "I really enjoy what I do."

Rogers began her Army career as a private first class, moving through the ranks as a sergeant and then a warrant officer. She said her scope of responsibility and impact on policy changes have grown with her career.

She has received a Bronze Star for excellence, among other awards, though she said the Maude Medal is "by far the greatest achievement."

Rogers credits her family with helping her reach her current place in life. Her mother, father and grandmother still live in her hometown of Treherneville, which she visited a month ago.

Her husband and daughter live in Fort Stewart, Ga., home of the 3rd infantry division.

"I think family is the most important thing," she said. "The bad thing about being deployed is being away from family."

In the meantime, however, "we have a second family here," Roger said in a phone interview from Iraq.

She plans to serve in the Army for at least 20 years.

"I am just honored and proud to represent the General Corp and the Eastern Shore of Virginia," Rogers said.

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