

CURRICULUM VITAE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION:

- 2013 – 2017 Doctor of Philosophy; Kennesaw State University; Kennesaw, GA; International Conflict Management
- 2008 – 2010 Master of Social Work; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; Concentration: Community Empowerment and Program Development
- 2002 – 2005 Bachelor of Science in Family, Child, and Consumer Sciences; Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL; Major: Child Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2020 – Present University of Colorado Colorado Springs - Clinical Assistant Professor, MSW Field Education Director
Under the University of Colorado System, UCCS has grown from a small satellite location to the fastest growing school within the UC system. UCCS is home to more than 12,000 students, with more than 65% living in the state post-graduation. Prepare and teach courses within the BSW and MSW programs. Provide administrative and curriculum oversight of MSW Field Education. Assist in the design, development, and implementation of the field placement assessment, assignment, and evaluation processes. Serve as an engaged member of the School of Public Affairs and UCCS communities.
- 2014 – Present United States Army National Guard – Behavioral Health Officer, Captain (O-3)
Affiliation: Army Medical Department, Medical Service Corps
The Army Medical Department provides sustained health services and research in support of the Total Force to enable readiness and conserve the fighting strength while caring for our Soldiers for Life and Families.
Provide brief clinical counseling, crisis intervention, teaching and training. Perform AR 40-501, Ch. 3 fitness for duty evaluations. Conduct pre- and post-mobilization assessments, POSTA and recruiter evaluations, and safety screenings. Conduct and supervise direct patient care, and plan and execute health promotion programs.
- Colorado Army National Guard
Medical Detachment, Aurora, CO (2019 - Present)
- California Army National Guard
224th Sustainment Brigade, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Long Beach, CA (2018 – 2019)

California Army National Guard
79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 40th Brigade Support Battalion, C Co, Bell,
CA (2017 - 2018)

Georgia Army National Guard
Medical Detachment, Marietta, GA (2014 - 2017)

- 2019 – Present
Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO – Clinical Social Worker,
PRN
*Children's Colorado is known for its nationally and internationally recognized
medical, research and education programs as well as the full spectrum of everyday
care for kids throughout Colorado and surrounding states.*
Conduct psycho-social assessments and interventions on routine to complex
patient/family cases and serve as a liaison with multi-disciplinary care team and
external community agencies to implement interventions.
- 2017 – 2019
University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior
*UCLA’s Division of Population Behavioral Health and Nathanson Family
Resilience Center offer training and programs in evidence-based practices that are
trauma- and resilience-informed.*

Master Trainer (2018 – 2019)
Developed, conducted, and assisted in the evaluation of trainings on evidence-
based treatment approaches for children with histories of trauma, or family-
centered prevention and intervention for at-risk families, including training in the
FOCUS model. Responsible for providing model (clinical) supervision to
community providers trained in the FOCUS model. Supervised scheduling and
quality improvement of trainings and assisted in developing training materials.

Trainer (2017 – 2018)
Provided direct training, consultation, model supervision, and quality assurance of
evidence-based interventions, including the FOCUS model.
- 2014 – 2016
Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA – PRN Medical Social Worker
Emory Transplant Center, Atlanta, GA – PRN Independent Living Donor Advocate
*Emory University Hospital is nationally renowned and holds a mission to serve
humanity by improving health through integration of education, discovery, and
health care.*
Provided emotional support and psychosocial counseling to patients. Performed
psychosocial assessments for candidates for living organ donation. Assisted in a
multi-disciplinary approach to patient care. Identified discharge needs and arrange
for comprehensive services for patients following discharge.
- 2013 – 2015
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA – Graduate Research Assistant
*Kennesaw State is the third-largest university in Georgia and provides
undergraduate, graduate, continuing, co-curricular, and community educational
opportunities.*
Performed subject-area research in substance abuse and child welfare. Performed
research on management, organization, and efficiency in academia. Responsible for
writing and researching conflict management laboratory concept paper for grant
funding proposals.

- 2010 – 2013 Jewish Family & Career Services, Atlanta, GA
JF&CS is a non-sectarian nonprofit providing programs, services and resources to strengthen individuals and families of all faiths, cultures and ages.
- Interim Senior Community Service Employment Program Director (2013)
 Transitioned the close of the Federal Title V Program with an average caseload of 30 clients. Directed program staff and assistants in case management and program operations. Provided overall program oversight, budget management, and external communication.
- Pro-Bono Psychotherapist (2011 – 2013)
 Facilitated on-going and short-term bereavement and loss therapy groups for over 25 clients. Provided individual counseling for clients with low-income. Directed intake, assessment and therapeutic services.
- Grants & Contracts Specialist (2011 – 2012)
 Responsible for successful grant prospecting, writing and procurement. Directed program development, monitoring and evaluation. Facilitated funder communications, meetings and community speaking engagements.
- Preferred Communities Program Coordinator (2010 – 2011)
 Provided intensive case management for refugee families relocating from war and trauma. Coordinated specialized services to include physical and mental health, disability services, and academic and employment services for an average caseload of 15 clients. Responsible for volunteer management and service coordination and delivery.
- 2009 – 2010 SafeHouse Outreach, Atlanta, GA - Community Engagement Specialist
SHO is an urban outreach providing practical, emotional and physical assistance to those living in the margins of society, to reintegrate and lead healthy, functional lives.
 Provided social service support to youth, adults and veterans living in homelessness. Facilitated educational and health workshops in local public schools. Responsible for volunteer management and satellite-site program development.
- 2008 – 2009 The Alcove Youth Shelter, Monroe, GA - Crisis Support Staff
The Alcove is an emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth.
 Facilitated intake and assessment of run-away youth & youth in the foster care system. Provided continuous, overnight crisis support for an average caseload of 7 youths. Transported clients to public schools and academic centers.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2019 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA – Guest Lecturer
USC is a leading private research university located in a global center for arts, technology and international business. It is home to renowned specialized care and research in cancer, stem cell and regenerative medicine, and orthopedics.
 Guest lecturer in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Master of Social Work program. Guest taught in the Children, Youth, & Families track in the courses of Social Work Practice in School Settings and School Violence.

- 2015 – 2016 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA – Graduate Teaching Assistant
Kennesaw State is the third-largest university in Georgia and provides undergraduate, graduate, continuing, co-curricular, and community educational opportunities.
Assisted teaching and learning in the courses of POLS 2250: Introduction to International Relations Theory and PSYC 2300: Research Methods in Psychology. Responsible for student communication, grading, and administering a semester-long, web-based international relations simulation. Responsible for lesson planning and teaching weekly research labs.
- 2012 – 2013 Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA – Guest Lecturer
GSU is an enterprising urban public research university and is among the most diverse universities in the nation. GSU offers 250 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 fields of study to more than 32,000 students.
Periodic guest lecturer in Introduction to Social Worker courses. Taught on topics of International Social Work, refugee resettlement, and work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and resettlement agencies.

SUPERVISION & MENTORING EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Licensure Supervision:

1. Gabriela Alejos, ASW; UCLA/VA Veteran Family Wellness Center, 2019
2. Roxana Zargarnian Kennedy, AMFT; UCLA FOCUS Project, 2018
3. Monique Ford, ASW; UCLA FOCUS Project, 2017 – 2019

VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:

- 2015 – 2019 Healing Through Reckoning and Responsibility, San Luis Obispo, CA – Board Member, Program Development and Evaluation
HTRR is a non-profit organization created to offer pathways for the healing of internal wounds of war, including a four-day journey of ritual-based healing of moral and ethical injury based on ancient wisdom and traditions.
Participated in and facilitated retreat events in Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. Assisted in program development and responsible for program evaluation. Served on the HTRR Board of Directors from 2018-2019.
- Spring 2014 Alif Institute, Atlanta, GA – Graduate Student Intern
Alif Institute is a non-profit Arab-American cultural center with a mission to foster the understanding and appreciation of Arab culture.
Responsible for researching the history of Arab Americans in Atlanta and in the U.S. Organized and compiled all data to be used in an exhibit funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta titled “Windows to the Arab World”.
- 2009 – 2014 Bicycles for Humanity GA, Atlanta, GA – Co-Founder & Exec. Director
B4H GA was an Atlanta-based bicycle recycling program providing empowerment and transportation through community development projects in Namibia.
Managed and supervised all volunteers and volunteer staff members. Facilitated board development, fundraising and financial management. Successfully transferred two container shipments for community development projects to remote regions of Namibia: 2011 & 2013. Coordinated and led project evaluation trips: 2012 & 2014.

- Summer 2009 Bicycling Empowerment Network, Windhoek, Namibia – Study Abroad Intern
BEN Namibia provides sustainable transport, bicycle-related income generating opportunities and grassroots responses to HIV/AIDS for disadvantaged Namibians.
Coordinated and implemented the first BEN Namibia Network Conference of projects. Participated in HIV/AIDS prevention, education, and awareness. Supported and facilitated creation and completion of program benchmarks and measurements.
- Spring 2009 Division of Family & Children Services, Athens, GA - Family Preservation Unit Intern
DFCS is responsible for welfare and employment support, protecting children, foster care and other services to strengthen families.
Worked with families of all forms to assess individual and group needs. Implemented interventions and necessary services for child care, employment, addiction counseling, etc. for an average case load of 12 families. Managed policy analysis and application.

PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed Journal Articles:

Barthel, T., & Fortson-Harwell, M. (2016). Practice Note: Asking Better Questions. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, 34(1), 43-56. <http://doi.org/10.1002/crq.21170>

Other Published Works:

Fortson-Harwell, M. (2017). *Warrior to Civilian: The Impact of Social Identity and Emotional Well-being on the Community Reintegration of US Service Members and Veterans* (Doctoral dissertation). Digital Commons @ Kennesaw State University Doctor of International Conflict Management Dissertations. (9). http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/incmdoc_etd/9

Fortson-Harwell, M. (2017). Book Review of *How to Resolve Conflict: A Practical Mediation Manual* by J. Gilman. *ACResolution Magazine*. 15(4). 28.

Works/Research under Review or in Progress:

Fortson-Harwell, M. Practicing Return from Coast to Coast: Exploring Community-Driven Veteran and Service Member Reintegration Strategies; (In Progress)

Fortson-Harwell, M. & Franke, V., Seeing the Trees through the Forest: Implications of Community Reintegration on the Well-being and Social Identity of US Service Members and Veterans; (In Progress)

Fortson-Harwell, M. and Story, P. The Dove Effect: Psychologically Priming for Peaceful Behaviors; (In Progress)

Fortson-Harwell, M. A Global Public Health Index: Rethinking Well-being and Traditional Conflict Indicators; (In Progress)

Unpublished Clinical and Educational Materials:

UCLA Health, Division of Population Behavioral Health (2019). “Talking to Your Child About Their Body”. Created in collaboration with Catherine Mogil, PsyD, Lauren Marlotte, PsyD, Ashley Jupin, MS, and Samuel Martinez.

UCLA Health, Division of Population Behavioral Health (2019). “Say ‘NO’, Get Away, Tell a Helper”. Created in collaboration with Catherine Mogil, PsyD, Lauren Marlotte, PsyD, Ashley Jupin, MS, and Samuel Martinez.

PRESENTATIONS:

Conference Presentations:

“FOCUS World: Digital Resources for Building Resilience in Military and Veteran Families”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Leaders, Advocates, Champions: The National Association of Social Workers California Chapter Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018, Workshop Presentation.

“Practicing Return: Strategies for Well-being in US Service Members”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Leading Change, Transforming Lives: The National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Washington, DC, June 2016, Poster Presentation.

“The Dove Effect: Psychologically Priming for Peaceful Behaviors”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Exploring Peace: The International Studies Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016, Panel Presentation.

Other Select Presentations:

“Resilience Curriculum for Transitional Age Youth AmeriCorps Members”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health with iFoster, Los Angeles, CA, March 2019, Workshop Presentation

“Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) for Families and Couples: Training of Trainers”, Dornan-Liuzzo, E. and **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health with The Soldiers Project, Melville, NY, December 2018, Workshop Presentation

“Secondary Traumatic Stress and Educator Resilience”, Kataoka, S. and **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health with Los Angeles County Office of Education, Alhambra, CA, August 2018, Workshop Presentation

“Building Resilience in Pediatric Residents”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Bemis, H., and Lee, J., UCLA Health, Los Angeles, CA, July 2018, Seminar Presentation

“Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) for Families”, Marlotte, L., Babayan, T., and **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health with LAC Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA, June 2018, Workshop Presentation

“Building Resilience in Healthcare Professionals, Module 2: Emotion Regulation”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.** California Army National Guard, C Company, 40th BSB, Camp Roberts, CA, May 2018, Company Training Presentation

“Building Resilience in Healthcare Professionals, Module 1: Personal Reflective Narrative”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.** California Army National Guard, C Company, 40th BSB, Bell Gardens, CA, April 2018, Company Training Presentation

“Lost in Transition: Identity, Well-being, and Meaning Making in the FOCUS Model”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.** UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health FOCUS Advanced Training, Los Angeles, CA, March 2018, Webinar Presentation

“Boot Camp: Understanding the Needs of Military Families”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.** and Barrios, A., UCLA/VA Veteran Family Wellness Center with Homes 4 Families, Santa Clarita, CA, March 2018, Seminar Presentation

“FOCUS on Families: Building Resilience for Caregivers”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Caregiver Resiliency: Reducing Stress and Building Resilience for Parents and Providers: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Training, La Verne, CA, February 2018, Seminar Presentation

“FOCUS on Foster Families: Building Resilience for Providers”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.** and Langley, A., Caregiver Resiliency: Reducing Stress and Building Resilience for Parents and Providers: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Training, La Verne, CA, February 2018, Workshop Presentation

“Building Resilience for Healthcare Professionals”, Bursch, B., **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Marlotte, L., UCLA Health System, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, Los Angeles, CA, September 2017, Workshop Presentation

“Understanding Child Anxiety and the Calm Classroom Intervention”, Sheehan, K. and **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, UCLA Center for Child Anxiety, Resilience, Education, and Support with Mar Vista & Ritter Elementary Schools, Los Angeles, CA, September 2017, In-Service Teacher and Staff Trainings

“ACE and the Army Suicide Prevention Program”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Georgia Army National Guard Medical Command, Marietta, GA, December 2016, Company Training Presentation

“The Fundamentals of After Action Reviews”, **Fortson-Harwell, M.**, Georgia Army National Guard Medical Command, Marietta, GA, May 2016, Leadership Briefing

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

Funded Projects:

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Courts Foundation, \$50,000, 2013.

Child and Adolescent Services PAL Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, URJ Camp Coleman, \$500, 2013.

International Services, Jewish Family & Career Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, \$90,000, 2013.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Harland Charitable Foundation, \$25,000, 2012.

International Services English Language and Civics Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Cobb County Community Collaborative, \$18,000, 2012.

Aviv Older Adult Services Caregiver Support Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust, \$50,000, 2012-2014.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Franklin Foundation, \$5,000, 2012.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic Dentures Program, Jewish Family and Career Services, A HandUp Fund, \$10,000, 2012.

Proposals Submitted but not Funded:

Child and Adolescent Services PAL Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Jewish Helping Hands, \$5,000, 2012.

Aviv Older Adult Services Caregiver Retreat, Jewish Family & Career Services, MetLife Foundation, \$10,000, 2012.

Proposals Submitted but Funding Decision Unknown:

The Shalom Bayit (Domestic Violence) Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, The Mary Byron Project, \$10,000, 2013.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, A Hand Up Charitable Fund, \$10,000, 2013.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, AGD Foundation, \$5,000, 2013.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Rite Aid Foundation, \$15,000, 2012.

The Shalom Bayit (Domestic Violence) Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Build-A-Bear Foundation, \$5,000, 2012.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Lee Foundation, \$10,000, 2012.

Career Services, Jewish Family & Career Services, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, \$200,000, 2012-2014.

Intellectual and Development Disabilities Services Camp Twin Lakes, Jewish Family & Career Services, The MENTOR Network Charitable Foundation, \$5,000, 2012.

Intellectual and Development Disabilities Services Therapeutic Expression Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Abrue Charitable Trust, \$10,000, 2012.

Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Jewish Family & Career Services, Bradley-Turner Foundation, \$20,000, 2012.

Intellectual and Development Disabilities Services Vocational ASD Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Friends for Autism Foundation, \$20,000, 2012.

Intellectual and Development Disabilities Services Therapeutic Expression Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Waffle House Foundation, \$25,000, 2012.

International Services English Language and Civics Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, Merancas Foundation, \$25,000, 2012.

Senior Community Services Employment Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, State Street Foundation, \$20,000, 2012.

Child and Adolescent Services PAL Program, Jewish Family & Career Services, B & B Stern Foundation, \$10,000, 2012.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Service to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs:

MSW/BSW Faculty Search Committee, 2020, Committee Member

Service to Journals:

Armed Forces and Society, 2016 – 2018, Reviewer

Journal of Global Initiatives, 2015, Reviewer

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS:

Licensure:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, #CSW.09925967, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Professions and Occupations, 2019 - Current

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, #LCSW76147, California Board of Behavioral Sciences, 2017 – Current

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, #CSW004998, Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, & Marriage and Family Therapists, 2013 – Current

Licensed Master Social Worker, #MSW005252, Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, & Marriage and Family Therapists, 2010 – Superseded

Certification:

Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work, BCD# 60402, American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work, 2018 - Current

Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Specialist, Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences, Received November 2019

Basic Life Support for Providers, The American Heart Association, Superior Life Support Inc., ID# CA20619, Valid through October 2020

Certified Disaster Mental Health Response Specialist, Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences, Received February 2014

Certification in Nonprofit Management, The University of Georgia, Received May 2010

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Course: Combat and Operational Stress Control, Ft. Sam Houston, TX. April 2019.

Workshop: UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health with The Soldiers Project: “Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) for Couples”, Glendale, CA. October 2018.

Conference: The National Association of Social Workers California Chapter Annual Conference: “Leaders, Advocates, Champions”, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018

Course: UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare: “MSW Field Instructor Supervision Seminar”, Los Angeles, CA. August & September 2018.

Conference: First Annual Fire Service Psychology Association Conference: “Bridging the Gap”, Los Angeles, CA. September 2018.

Conference: California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Annual Conference: “Advancing the Art & Science of Psychotherapy”, Garden Grove, CA. April 2018.

Workshop: UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health, Stress, Trauma, and Resilience (STAR) Seminar: “Integrating Trauma-Informed Yoga into Treatment with Clients”, Los Angeles, CA. March 2018.

Workshop: California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children: “Treatment of Complex Trauma in Children and Their Families: An Integrative Approach”, Los Angeles, CA. February 2018.

Conference: American Indian/Alaska Native Mental Health Conference 2017: “Bridging the Gaps – Systems, Cultures, and Generations”, Los Angeles, CA. November 2017.

Workshop: UCLA Division of Population Behavioral Health: “Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) for Families”, Los Angeles, CA. August 2017.

Course: Conflict Management in Ireland and Northern Ireland, Kennesaw State University, Dublin, Ireland. November 2016.

Course: Basic Officer Leaders Course II, Ft. Sam Houston, TX. August 2016 – September 2016. Part two of the two-part course designed to instruct students on the basics of being an Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officer.

Conference: National Association of Social Workers, National Conference: “Leading Change, Transforming Lives”, Washington, DC. June 2016. Received 20.5 Continuing Education Units.

Conference: The International Studies Association Convention: “Exploring Peace”, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.

Course: Basic Officer Leaders Course I, Distance Learning. Completed December 2015. Part one of a two-part course designed to instruct students on the basics of being an Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officer.

Conference: National Association of Social Workers-South Georgia, Valdosta, GA. March 2014. Received 13 Continuing Education Units as well as specific training in treating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder with U.S. Military populations.

Course: College & University Teaching, Spring 2014, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
Instruction in topics related to academic teaching including best practice methods for facilitating student learning.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Golden Key International Honour Society

International Studies Association

National Association of Social Workers

National Guard Association of the United States

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

The Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Civilian Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:

Outstanding Graduate Award Nominee 2017-2018, Kennesaw State University

Honors Graduate, 2017, Kennesaw State University

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2016, Kennesaw State University

Love of Learning Award, 2016, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

The Joe & Diane Perno Scholarship, 2009, The University of Georgia

Magna cum laude Graduate, 2005, Florida State University

Bright Futures Scholarship, 2002-2005, Florida State University

Military Honors & Awards:

National Defense Service Medal

Army Service Ribbon