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A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

On this Veterans Day, the Faith Academy of Bellville (FAB) community is proud to salute three of our own faculty and staff who generously served in various branches of the military. These individuals continue to care for our students with the same committed spirit that led them to serve their country.



On Veterans Day, the Faith Academy of Bellville community salutes elementary teacher Mrs. Terri Frazier for her dedicated service in the U.S. Army.

MRS. TERRI FRAZIER FAB ELEMENTARY MATH TEACHER AND KNIGHT LIGHTS PEP SQUAD COACH

Raised to value service, dedication, and commitment, Mrs. Terri Frazier enlisted in the U.S. Army after her junior year of high school. Her older brother's service in the U.S. Marine Corps and her father's career as a police officer in Sealy both illustrated the importance of putting others first, self-discipline, and serving a bigger purpose.

From 2013 to 2019, she was stationed in Houston and at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, serving as an E-4 Specialist and working mainly as an Ammunition Specialist and a Machine Gunner. She was deployed with the 449th Combat Aviation Brigade to Kuwait and Iraq from 2017 to 2018 as Operation Enduring Freedom ended and Operation Inherent Resolve began.



Mrs. Frazier served as an 89 Ammunition Specialist in the U.S. Army and was deployed to both Iraq and Kuwait.

As an 89B Ammunition Specialist, Mrs. Frazier was responsible for receiving, inspecting, storing, maintaining accountability of, and issuing ammunition and explosives while following established safety procedures and military regulations. As a Machine Gunner in Taji, Iraq, she maintained proficiency with assigned crew-served weapons and provided security and force protection while supporting overseas unit operations. While deployed in Kuwait, she worked in SPO (Support Operations) Air,

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ensuring personnel, equipment, and mission-related movements were properly supported.

During this formative time in her young adult life, Mrs. Frazier learned a great deal about who she was and who she wanted to be by working alongside people from different backgrounds and being responsible for others. Today, as an elementary teacher, she relies on the character traits and habits she developed in the U.S. Army, like patience, flexibility, and leadership.

“I have learned that not every day is going to be easy, every student is different, and sometimes you have to find different ways to reach someone,” Mrs. Frazier said. “My military experience helped shape the way I approach challenges, relationships, and leadership, and I try to bring those lessons into my classroom every day.”



Because of her dedication and service overseas, Mrs. Frazier earned the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

MR. CHRIS WEATHERFORD FAB SAFETY TRANSPORTATION TEAM



Faith Academy of Bellville gives thanks for Mr. Chris Weatherford, a U.S. Navy veteran who now uses his experience to protect our students, faculty, and staff every day.

Long before he began keeping FAB students, faculty, and staff safe, Mr. Chris Weatherford served as a highly skilled Gunner’s Mate in the U.S. Navy from 2007 to 2011, where he operated, maintained, and repaired weapons systems. He also served on the security team alongside a Master-at-Arms to maintain law and order aboard Navy ships and at port, and trained sailors to handle and fire small arms, focusing on proficiency and safety. From 2008 to 2009, he served in Operation Enduring Freedom while stationed on an aircraft carrier, supporting ground troops with air strikes in Afghanistan.

Mr. Weatherford chose to enlist in the Navy because it offered opportunities for personal and professional growth and would build a strong foundation for his future.

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"I was drawn to military service because I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself," Mr. Weatherford said. "I valued the opportunity to serve my country, challenge myself, develop discipline, and take on responsibilities that would push me beyond my comfort zone." Navy service runs in his family, as Mr. Weatherford's grandfather and great-grandfather also served.

Throughout his service, Mr. Weatherford came to value discipline, accountability, teamwork, adaptability, and taking responsibility for the people around him. His work in weapons safety taught him to stay calm under pressure, be prepared, and consider how his decisions affect others.

"My military service taught me that leadership isn't just about holding a position or giving direction; it's about setting the example, earning trust, and doing what's necessary even when circumstances are difficult," Mr. Weatherford said. "Those lessons continue to influence how I approach my work and responsibilities today, particularly in protecting others and creating safe environments."

He earned many prestigious honors, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, along with several unit commendations and service awards.

MR. JOHN SCARBOROUGH
FAB HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Like Mrs. Frazier, Mr. John Scarborough is a U.S. Army veteran and served in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum in New York from January 1986 to January 1988. As a Private First Class (E-3) infantryman, Mr. Scarborough filled several important roles in his unit: rifleman, radio operator, and squad-level machine gunner.

The rifle squad is central to the infantry unit and is relied on to carry out the mission at hand while supporting the rest of the unit. In this role, Mr. Scarborough trained in weapons handling and marksmanship, patrolling, land navigation, squad and platoon tactics, and field exercises, while maintaining his weapon, equipment, and gear so he was ready to deploy at a moment's notice. As a machine gunner, Mr. Scarborough provided the squad's heavy firepower, giving teammates cover so they could move and maneuver.



Faith Academy high school teacher John Scarborough served in the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division where he trained in rugged terrain and extreme conditions as seen here north of Quebec City, Canada. We are thankful for his service!

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Communication is vital in military operations, and as a radio operator, Mr. Scarborough carried and operated the squad's radio, keeping his unit connected to leadership. As part of the 10th Mountain Division, he trained to operate in rugged terrain and extreme conditions, including climbing, rappelling, and moving through steep, snowy country.

Encouraged to enlist by a trusted family friend who had also served, Mr. Scarborough found that the Army forged a discipline and determination that still guide him. He brings those same qualities to his classroom, where he teaches FAB high school students computer-aided design, a subject that demands precision, planning, and attention to detail.

"Many times I have commented to those around me, 'You may not realize what you are capable of... If you did, you would truly be amazed at what God has created for you,'" Mr. Scarborough said.

As you drive around Bellville this week, take a look at the more than 40 hometown hero banners on poles around the downtown square and along Highway 36. Faith Academy is proud to collaborate with the City of Bellville and the Bellville Chamber of Commerce to honor our veterans.

We thank God for the blessing of these dedicated veterans, who were called to continue serving others at our school. Thank you to Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Weatherford, Mr. Scarborough, and all the veterans in our community for your sacrifice and service!

