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Madisonville Resident Retires After Nearly 40 Years of Military Service

After serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard for nearly four decades, Madisonville resident, Staff Sgt. Douglas Carroll, retired from the military during a ceremony at Chattanooga's 230th Sustainment Brigade headquarters in May.

Carroll was honored for his commitment and sacrifice to the state of Tennessee and the nation after 39 years of faithful service.

"If we ever needed anything done, he was always there," said 1st Sgt. Kevin Daniels, the senior non-commissioned officer for the 230th Sustainment Brigade Headquarters Company. "Staff Sergeant Carroll was a talented soldier who could always be depended on. He will be deeply missed."

Carroll first enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard in 1983 as a cavalry scout for Athens' 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. For the next 27 years, he served in the Athens unit in various positions including ammunition handler, fuel tanker driver, supply sergeant, and a generator repairman. In 1991, he volunteered and deployed to Kuwait for Desert Storm.

In 2010, Carroll became a petroleum supply sergeant in Johnson City followed by a food operations manager in Erwin, a petroleum supply sergeant inventory specialist in Smyrna, and lastly, a fuel handling specialist in Chattanooga. From 2003 to 2005, he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment driving fuel tankers along the most dangerous routes in Iraq.

"I'm truly going to miss the people," said Carroll. "The comradery is unmatched. I was also able to work with other nations and get to know the people and cultures. These are experiences I will be able to take with me forever and I would never trade for anything."

Carroll currently does preventative maintenance at Yamaha Jet Boats and lives in Madisonville with his wife, Denia. They have seven children.

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