

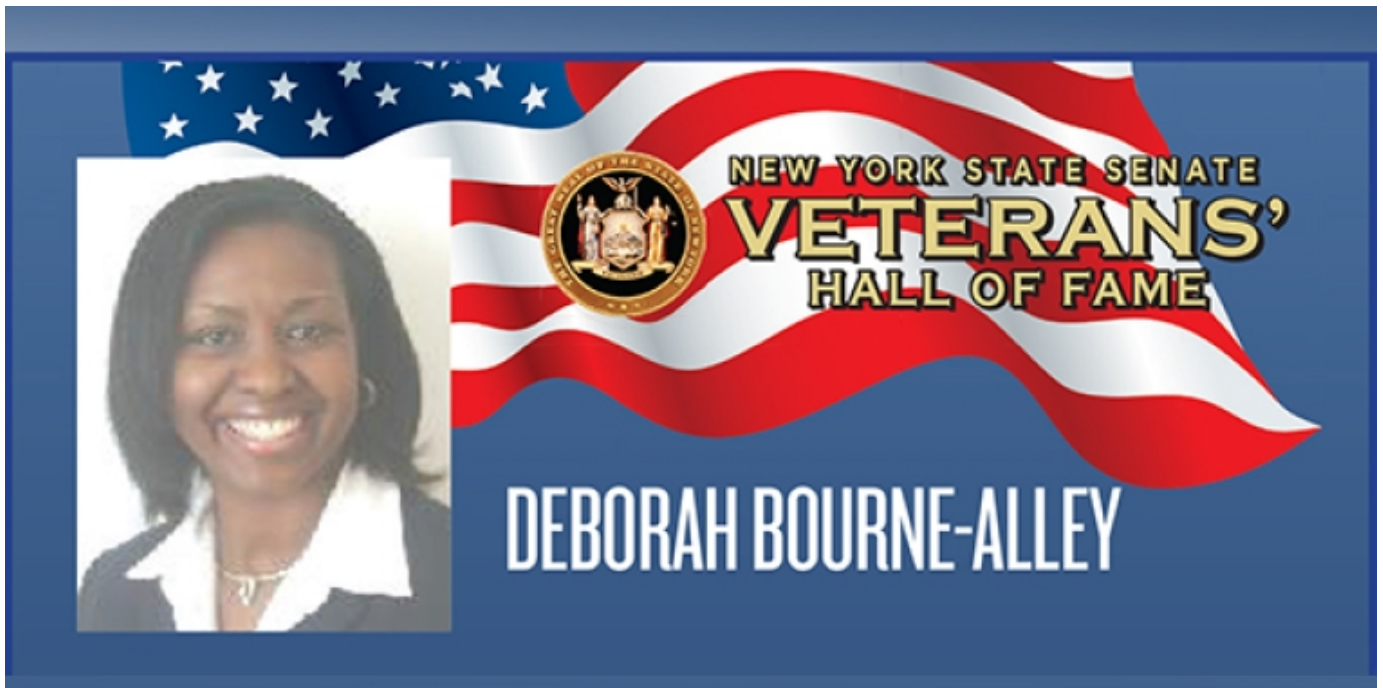


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Deborah Bourne-Alley joined the United States Army in 1990. On the momentous day of August 2, 1990, when she commenced her basic training, the international conflict known as the Gulf War was triggered by the invasion of Iraq by Kuwait. Coincidentally, years later, this was the day she chose to be married.

Ms. Bourne-Alley joined the military to travel, experience life from a new perspective and to be exposed to different cultures. These wishes were soon realized when she was mobilized during Operation Desert Storm to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and again in 1996 when she was deployed to Germany in support of the Bosnia Conflict. Ms. Bourne-Alley was exposed to culture in a much different way than any civilian, sacrificing her life to do so.

After her 13 years of service, Ms. Bourne-Alley graduated from Brooklyn College with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. She worked with the New York State Insurance Department where she audited insurance companies, pursued a career as an entrepreneur in real estate and mortgages, and then went back into the accounting field. Currently, Ms. Bourne-Alley serves as the Chief Financial Officer at Tabernacle of Praise, Brooklyn, New York.

Deborah Bourne-Alley is very proud of her 13 years of service, discipline and dedication to the United States Army and her nation. She fought bravely for the freedom and security of her country, and gained a lifelong experience that can never be matched.