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## Luz M. Fernandez-Aviles

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Luz M. Fernandez-Aviles is a Gulf War veteran, and first generation American born to Dominican parents. Ms. Fernandez-Aviles joined the Army Reserves in July 1988 and was honorably discharged on February 1997. Her rank at the time of her honorable discharge was Specialist.

Ms. Fernandez-Aviles graduated from Plaza College with an Associate Degree in Occupational Studies. She is a member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2813, and currently works as a payroll administrator. She did her basic training in Ft. McClellan, AL

and her AIT in Ft. Lee, VA. She was deployed to Saudi Arabia with her unit in August 1990, where she worked as a 77F – Petroleum Supply Specialist.

Ms. Fernandez-Aviles has received many awards and accolades for her service in the military. Some of these include the Army Commendation Medal, Certificate of Achievement, the Army Achievement Medal, New York State Assembly Citation awarded by Assembly Woman Audrey I. Pheiffer, and New York State Senate Liberty Award awarded by Senator Serphin R. Maltese in June 2008.

Ms. Fernandez-Aviles continues her work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and hopes to become Post Commander in the future. She hopes to be able to assist the younger generation of veterans. Her love of family and people is one of her best qualities and is what keeps her motivated in finding ways to better the lives of those around her.