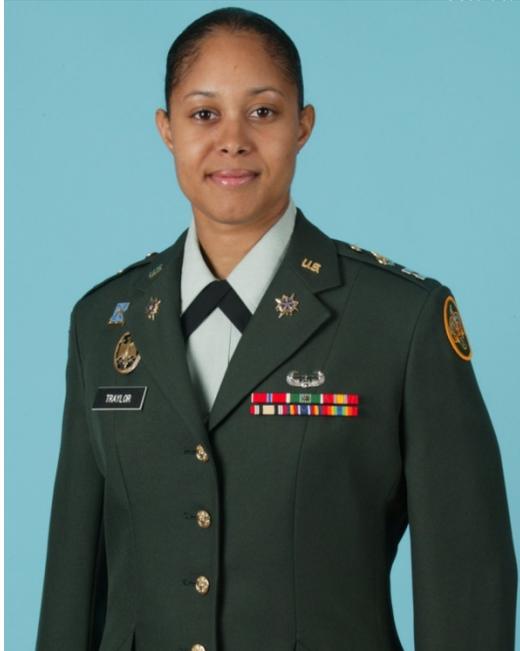


CPT NADIA L. TRAYLOR
2011 Recipient

LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence



Nadia L. Traylor was commissioned a Military Intelligence Officer in 2004 and attended the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course at Fort Huachuca. Upon graduation, CPT Traylor was assigned to 2nd Squadron/17th Cavalry, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) as the Squadron Assistant S2 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM IV. While deployed she was selected as the Human Intelligence Platoon Leader in Bravo Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Following the deployment, CPT Traylor was selected to serve as the Bravo Company Executive Officer prior to attending the MI Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca in April 2007. Upon graduation, CPT Traylor was assigned to 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment (3d ACR) as the Signals Intelligence Officer in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 07-09. Subsequently, she served as the Analysis Control Element Chief while maintaining the entire Signals Intelligence mission for Ninewa Province consisting of five outstations and five Signal Terminal Guidance Teams (STG).

Between May 2009 and April 2011, CPT Traylor served as the commander of the 66th Military Intelligence Company, 3d Squadron, 3d ACR. She led the 66th "Ghostriders" through an extensive train up at the National Training Center, serving simultaneously as the Regimental S2, and deployed her company to Iraq in support of the 3d ACR deployment to Operation NEW DAWN.

Upon arrival at Contingency Operating Station (COS) Kalsu, CPT Traylor expanded signals intelligence coverage, nearly doubling the prior unit's coverage, and aggressively developed more capability. This expansion enabled the regiment to break into and target the largest threat network in southern Iraq. Her technical knowledge and persistence enabled her to receive accreditation to set up a SCIF in COS Husseniya in three days, a process that routinely takes six weeks. She broke new ground by training

her signals intelligence platoon to conduct a signals intelligence oversight mission with great success.

CPT Traylor's unmanned aerial system platoons ran split operations to cover four Iraqi provinces. She pushed this platoon and its systems to new limits and developed new tactics, techniques and procedures for identifying rocket systems fired upon US forces. She developed an airspace de-confliction battle drill with the aviation and Air Force liaisons that enabled her to fly her UAVs at lower altitude to better identify enemy systems for troops on the ground.

CPT Traylor's achievements in SIGINT, HUMINT, UAV operations and fusion directly contributed to numerous successes. Her team identified and enabled the arrest of a Kataib Hezbollah cell operating and attacking COS Kalsu. Furthermore, her team helped US forces capture much of a cell in Numiniyah that had killed a US service member. Finally, CPT Traylor and her team were instrumental in developing the intelligence that led to the removal of political and police leaders providing sanctuary in Diwaniyah, thus enabling Iraqi security forces to effectively target terrorists in that province.

CPT Traylor's leadership, personal drive, and success throughout 2010 are representative of the kind of officer the MI Corps needs. General Robert W. Cone, at the time Commander of the 3d Armored Corps, commented, "CPT Traylor's commitment to her soldiers, the intelligence war fighting function, and to her nation is unparalleled—we need more officers of her caliber in all branches." CPT Traylor truly is deserving of the honor and prestige bestowed by the LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence.