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**Sabrella Bacon Air National Guard Senior Master Sergeant Receives the Highest Veterans' Award
from the National NAACP**

Sabrella Bacon, Senior Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard was awarded the Highest Veterans' Award on July 14, 2009 at the NAACP 35th Annual Armed Services & Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner in New York, New York.

Senior Master Sergeant Sabrella Bacon distinguished herself through meritorious service while assigned to the 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno Air National Guard Base, California. Her outstanding professional and personal qualities set her apart from others as a leader supporting equal opportunity; race relations, affirmative action, human resources, and public service. While serving as the Ground Safety Manager for the 144 Fighter Wing, Sergeant Bacon managed both the occupational health and the safety programs for nearly 1,000 base personnel. For more than 12 months, she single-handedly performed all duties as Ground Safety Manager while serving as the only technician in Bioenvironmental Engineering, a shop typically manned by two full time technicians. Sergeant Bacon provided State-certified Hazardous Material Industry Technician training to over 50 personnel on the Crash Recovery, Hydrazine, and Spill Response Teams. Additionally, she volunteers countless hours of her personal time assisting troubled youth who may have no other place to turn. The distinctive accomplishments of Senior Master Sergeant Sabrella Bacon reflect credit upon herself, the California Air National Guard, the United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense.

Sabrella Bacon from Compton, California, is a former student of Long Beach President Naomi Rainey. She was also mentored by Blondel Filer of Compton, California.

Each year at the NAACP's National Convention the Armed Services & Veterans Affairs Recognition is held. The NAACP provides this recognition because of the heroic efforts of the many men and women who have served and those serving in our armed forces, our liberties would be less secure. The NAACP is proud to honor our unsung heroes for their dedication to our country.

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