

JANET HART GARVEY
CAPTAIN U.S. ARMY
OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/
STORM

Janet Garvey, daughter of Fred and Maxine Hart, was born in Ashe County on June 26, 1962. Following in the tradition of her father who served in the Army during WWII and the Korean War, she enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1981 and completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. She received her BSN from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Masters' of Nursing from the University of South Carolina. Janet earned her commission as a second lieutenant in 1983 as a member of the first graduating class of the Duke University Army ROTC program. She served as a member of the 343rd Ambulance Company in Galax, Va. until the unit was activated in November 1990 during Operation Desert Shield. At that time she was appointed company commander, becoming the first Army Nurse ever to be placed in command of a unit. Her company deployed to Saudi Arabia in January 1991 and distinguished itself by its outstanding service in Operation Desert Storm. Under her command the unit treated and transported over one thousand soldiers, both Coalition forces and Iraqi POWs, while enduring the hardship of a desert environment and the constant danger of Iraqi armor and SCUD missile attacks. The unit returned to the United States in May 1991 without suffering any Desert Storm, Janet was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star.

Janet continues to proudly serve in the Army Reserves as a member of the 312th Field Hospital in Greensboro, N.C. She is married, lives with her husband, Doug, in Sparta, North Carolina, and is expecting the birth of their first child in November, 1993.