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Army Honors EBRPHA for “Exceptional Flexibility” During Time of Covid

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The East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority was honored by the local branch of the United States Army Reserve on Wednesday at the EBRPHA offices for retaining the position of one of its employees while he was out on extensive leave while training in Africa in 2020.

Sergeant Edward Santos was a member of the 321st Sustainment Brigade (the Redstick Warriors), during 2020 while also serving as a maintenance technician with EBRPHA during his full-time job. Sergeant Santos faced the unique role of managing a civilian career and raising a family while simultaneously fulfilling his military obligation. Rather than make Sergeant Santos take a leave of absence, EBRPHA “retained his position within the agency” during the multiple (non-consecutive) weeks he was in Africa on the training mission. “

“EBRPHA demonstrated exceptional flexibility when Sergeant Santos was called to duty to train in the ‘African Lion 2020’ Exercise in Agadir, Morocco,” said Captain Gabrielle Fleming, Company Commander of the 321st Sustainment Brigade. “Your dedication and sacrifice is commended and speaks volumes to the ethics of your organization. Our communities benefit from Citizen Soldiers and employers working together.”

Lieutenant Colonel William Horton, Deputy Commander to James Carmichael of the 321st, presented a plaque to EBRPHA CEO J. Wesley Daniels, Jr. for “helping to preserve the liberty, freedom and security of our nation.” A number of EBRPHA staff members received the Commander’s coin for their role with Sergeant Santos and to promote a sense of belonging to the Redstick Warriors organization.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized by the fine men and women of our military. Just as they are proud to honor the team at EBRPHA, we are proud to say thank you to these Citizen Soldiers for serving our country while maintaining jobs and raising families,” said Daniels.

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