



Christin Pankonin was recently promoted to the Army rank of E7 Sargent 1st Class.

Her son Brenden Pankonin got to take off her old stripes and put on her new ones!

The Lt. Colonial of her platoon presented Brenden with a Gold Engraved Medal for “Great Service to His Country.”

The immediate superior, Major Gangaram, took Pankonin, her son and her parents, Larry and Diana Pankonin of Grant, on a tour of the helicopter unit. Brenden got to sit in the pilot seat of an Apache Helicopter.

Pankonin has been in the Army for 17 years. She is currently stationed at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs. Her son lives with her parents in Grant. Brenden is a third grader at Perkins County Schools.

Pankonin has deployed to Iraq three times. She will be attending a school in California during January. Tentative plans are for her to deploy to Afghanistan in January 2012.

