

# Transcript of the “Remarkable Women Contest Finalist”

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[Image of Remarkable Women El Paso]

[KTSM Anchor Natassia Paloma] “Welcome back. We’ve highlighted some remarkable women from all walks of life, across a borderland, women nominated in our Next Star nationwide search for those making an impact here in our community.”

[KTSM Anchor Andy Morgan] “and tonight KTSM night news anchor Brenda Medina tells us about a woman’s heroic fight not only for our country, but for those who serve.”

[Video of military operations with background noise]

[Video of Service man walking with background noise]

[Wendy Wells voiceover] “I am a combat Veteran. I was in the military for 12 years.”

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “Assigned to 7 different duty stations, this staff sergeant fought for our freedom across the world.”

[Video of Wendy Wells in uniform on duty, holding rifle; Service man shooting weapon; Wendy Wells painting rock]

[Wendy Wells voiceover] “I did serve in Iraq; I did a rotation in Kuwait. I was in Korea for a year. So lots of different areas, lots of different deployments.”

[Video of Wendy Wells receiving award from commanding officer]

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “El Pasoan Wendy Wells proving that no challenge is too difficult, earning some of the highest accolades during her time in the military.”

[Multiple images of Wendy Wells in uniform, military medic symbol]

[Wendy Wells voiceover] “I got promoted from private E1 to E6 in the first six years that I was in the Army, which is basically unheard of. And the process that you have to follow to get promoted in the military is pretty grueling.”

“I’m just the person that if you tell me that I can’t do something, that I’m going to show you that I can, so you know there was a lot of push, shove that I had to go through.”

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “Not letting her gender dictate what she could and could not achieve, even earning her combat medal badge...”

[Video of Wendy Wells holding self-portrait]

[Video of night battle action]

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “...a badge only earned by those on the front lines who respond to any medical situation while under attack by the enemy.”

[Wendy Wells] “Which is a very difficult badge to earn while you’re in the military, even as a male.”

[Video of Wendy Wells]

[Wendy Wells] “So to earn it as a female like the class that I went through, I was the only female to make it all the way to the end.”

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “A woman breaking barriers on and off the battlefield.”

[Video of TriWest Healthcare Alliance team in El Paso]

[Wendy Wells] “My team name is the Cobras and they’re actually named after the company I was in while I was on active duty.”

[Video of Cobras sign]

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “She now advocates for Veterans health care through TriWest where she's already proving to leave a lasting impact not only by helping her brothers and sisters in arms, but amongst the team she leads.”

[Video of Wendy Wells at computer]

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “How did you feel when they told you that you were one of the finalists here in El Paso, recognized as a remarkable woman?”

[Wendy Wells] “I was extremely shocked. I had no idea I had been nominated. At first, I thought maybe I was being pranked so it made me feel good inside because then I know that what I do makes a difference and somebody else can see it.”

[KTSM Anchor Brenda Medina voiceover] “This mom of two says she will continue to work tirelessly to lead by example, spending quality time with her sons, showing them and her team the importance of working together, helping our community and putting others first.”

[Video of Wendy Wells with her sons]

[Video of honor plaque on wall]

[Wendy Wells] “Usually on Veterans Day I go to whatever restaurant that gives a free meal, like Applebee's or whatever, and I get my free meal to go and I go find a homeless Veteran and I give him my meal.”

[KTSM Anchor Natassia Paloma] “And our thanks to Brenda for bringing us all these wonderful stories and fun fact here... Wells is the only woman in her family to join the military.”

[KTSM Anchor Andy Morgan] “That’s right and she hopes to continue to inspire other women to follow in her footsteps. Great story right there.”

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