

Beyond the Corps; civilian sings solo on the side

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“Sharon Dictson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cannon Air Force Base Resident Office Civil Engineering Technician has been assigned to the Albuquerque District for 12 years, and has always loved to sing.

In the past four years, Dictson has performed at the following venues in New Mexico and Texas:

- Spencer Theater in Ruidoso for a New Mexico domestic violence program for two years
- Floyd Jamboree in Floyd, New Mexico for four years
- Quarterly Retired Railroaders

meetings where she sings quarterly along with a keyboarder

- Lubbock, Texas two times at Cactus Theater in the “New Talent Show Case” where she once placed in the top 25 out of 75 contestants and was chosen to perform on stage afterwards
- Colgate Country Show Down in Portales, New Mexico where she took third place out of 12 in 2007

“I’ve always sung even as a little girl, but did not start getting into it at

this level until about four years ago,” said Dictson.

“I did create an 8-track tape at the age of 18 for fun though, “Let Me be There” by Olivia Newton John. Then four years ago, I sang karaoke on a cruise ship for fun and found the crowd to be very responsive. The more I did it the more I realized I should be singing more often.”

Dictson completed a nine-song cd of well-known cover songs that currently plays on local radio stations in Lubbock, Texas and Clovis, New Mexico. She is aspiring to write her own music.

“Writing and performing my own music is my ultimate goal as an artist,” she said.

Dictson will be performing at the Cowboy Symposium and three-day cook-off in Clovis, New Mexico at Ned Houk Park in June, along with well known talent such as Red Stegall and Jean Prescott.

I’m going to perform two or three times in those three days doing songs made famous by Patsy Cline, Martina McBride, and Jodee Messina for about 45 minutes to an hour with a small band, said Dictson.

Favorite performance songs by Dictson are “Broken Wing” by Martina McBride and “Bring on the Rain” by Jodee Messina. She is expected to begin performing National Anthems at retirement ceremonies at Cannon Air Force Base this year.

The largest crowd she has performed before to date is 400 people at the Spencer Theater.

“Confidence had always been an issue, but improves every time I perform,” she said.

If interested in a free cd contact Sharon Dictson.

