



CSM John A. Murray

CSM John A. Murray was born in Dallas, Texas and entered the Army in September 1987. He attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia and graduated as an 11H Anti-Armor Infantryman in December 1987. Due to deactivations in the 11H infantry MOS, CSM Murray was sent to Ft Knox, KY in July 1994 to complete and receive the 19D MOS by graduating as an Armor Scout Crewman.

CSM Murray has served in all Scout Crewman duty positions. He has served in the 1st Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, 2nd Armored Division, 2d CR, 3d CR, and the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He has served as the Operations SGM in the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment and as the CSM of both the 6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment in Ft. Knox, Kentucky and the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment in Fort Bliss Texas.

CSM Murray's military and civilian education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, the Scout Commander Certification Course, Unit Movement Officer Course, Air Assault Course, Sling Load Inspector Certification Course, Army Force Management School, First Sergeant Course, Battalion Pre-Command Course and the Battalion Command Sergeants Major Course. He also holds a dual Bachelor of Science degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Social Science and History where he graduated with honors in 2004.

CSM Murray's overseas assignments and deployments include: two tours in Germany and one tour in Alaska, a deployment in support of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1991, a deployment to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian in 1999, deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and 2008, and a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2013.

CSM Murray's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (7th AWD), the Army Commendation Medal (5th AWD), the Army Achievement Medal (4th AWD), the Army Good Conduct Medal (8th AWD), the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 campaign stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4th AWD), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (4th AWD), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), the NATO Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. His permanent unit awards include the Valorous Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. CSM Murray is also a proud recipient of the Order of St. George (Bronze Medallion), the Order of the Spur, the German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency; Schützenschnur (Gold award), and the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (Gold award). Additionally, CSM Murray is the author of the book "Still Searching for Oz" and has had several articles published by the NCO Journal online magazine.