

## CSM RONNIE E. BLOUNT JR.

CSM Blount is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida; he enlisted in the United States Army in January 1993 as an Infantryman, and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Blount has served in every leadership position from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major. His previous assignments include: 3-8<sup>th</sup> CAV, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX; 2-502<sup>nd</sup> IN, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY; 2-6<sup>th</sup> IN, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Baumholder, GE; 1-19<sup>th</sup> IN, Infantry Training Brigade, Ft. Benning, GA (Drill Sergeant); The United States Army Drill Sergeant School, Ft. Benning, GA (Drill Sergeant Leader); 3-4<sup>th</sup> CAV, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; HQs, FORSCOM, Ft. McPherson, GA; HQs, XVIII Airborne CORPS, Ft. Bragg, NC. CSM Blount was a First Sergeant for the following companies: B Co, 2-35<sup>th</sup> IN, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; C Co (LRS) (ABN), 1-38<sup>th</sup> CAV, Ft. Bragg, NC; A Co, 1-507<sup>th</sup> PIR, Ft. Benning, GA. Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 2-27 IN BN, 3IBCT, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI. CSM Blount is currently the Command Sergeant Major for the 198<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Ft. Benning, GA.

CSM Blount has completed all levels of NCOPDS, and is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 65). His military education includes Ranger School, Airborne School, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Jumpmaster Course, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, the Ft. Benning Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant Course, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). During Drill Sergeant Class #01-02, he won the Iron Man Award, and later became the 2004 Infantry Training Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year. CSM Blount has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Excelsior College, and an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies, Troy University.

CSM Blount has deployed to Bosnia and Kosovo for peacekeeping operations, and participated in combat deployments to include two tours in Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror.

CSM Blount's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7<sup>th</sup> award), Army Commendations Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (8<sup>th</sup> award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8<sup>th</sup> award), National Defense Service Medal (1 BSS), Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal (1 BSS), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 BSS), Global War on Terror Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (1 BSS), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), NATO Medal (1 BSS), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, the Botswana Defense Force Airborne Wings, and a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion).