

# *CSM Brandon R. Knicely Biography*

CSM Brandon Knicely is a native of Sutton, West Virginia. He enlisted in the Army in June 1998 as a mechanized Infantryman. He attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Knicely has served in every leadership position from team leader to 1SG, as well as Company Bradley master gunner, Battalion Bradley master gunner, S3 NCOIC, and Senior Military Instructor at Kent State University Army ROTC.

CSM Knicely's stateside assignments include 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 11<sup>th</sup> ACR, Fort Irwin California, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Fort Leonard Wood Missouri, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson Colorado, and 7<sup>th</sup> BDE Cadet Command, Kent State University, Ohio. His overseas assignments include 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Casey Korea, and 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Vilseck Germany. He has deployed to Kosovo, twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for combat and peacekeeping operations.

CSM Knicely's military education includes Basic Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, and Senior Leaders Course. He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy class 66. He also has completed Hazmat material handling and transportation, Combat Life Saver, Combatives Level 1, Bradley Master Gunner, Senior ROTC Pre-Command, SOCC Instructor training course, Drill Sergeant School, and the Master Resilience Trainer Course. His civilian education includes high school diploma from Braxton County High School, Flatwoods, West Virginia, an associates in general studies from American Military University, and a Bachelorette degree from Excelsior College in Liberal Arts and Science.

CSM Knicely's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, Bronze Star Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Meritorious Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Achievement Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Good Conduct Medal (5<sup>th</sup> award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral Four), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral Four), NATO Medal, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge.