

Biography CSM Byran S. Bates

CSM Byran S. Bates entered the U.S. Army as a cavalry scout (19D) in February 1995 where he attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY. CSM Bates's assignments include: Grim Troop 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR, Fort Carson, CO, Alpha Troop 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barrack, HI, Armor Branch Analyst, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, VA, Platoon Sergeant, Alpha Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry, Fort Bragg, NC, First Sergeant, 11th ACR Regimental Headquarters Detachment, Fort Irwin, CA, Current Operations Sergeant Major, 18th Airborne Corps G-3, Fort Bragg, NC, and most recently as the Senior Military Instructor for the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX. CSM Bates has served in every enlisted scout position in a Cavalry Squadron from dismount to Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Bates's deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom during the 2006 - 2007 surge where he served as a Platoon Sergeant during a 15 month deployment with 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division. He deployed again in 2011 to Iraq for Operation New Dawn with the 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters where he served as the United States Forces Iraq, J33 Current Operations Sergeant Major responsible for the withdraw of forces from Iraq.

CSM Bates's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), the Good Conduct Medal (6th award), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (Number 4), the NCOES Professional Development Ribbon (Number 3), the Army Service Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, The Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Action Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge. He also holds the Bronze Medalion from the Order of St. George.

CSM Bates holds a Bachelors Degree in Homeland Security from American Military University and is currently working on his Master's Degree in Homeland Security from Angelo State University.