



First Sergeant Siaoisi B. Motu'apuaka
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U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Band

First Sergeant Siaoisi B. Motu'apuaka is a native of Tonga, from the South Pacific. He entered the Army on November 19, 1996, as a 13B Cannon Crewmember, Field Artillery. He attended One Station Unit (OSUT) Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, he was assigned to C Battery 3-18th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After completing his first enlistment, he re-enlisted as a Euphonium Player and attended the United States Armed Forces School of Music and received re-classification training to become a 42R(Musician).

First Sergeant Motu'apuaka has served in numerous leadership positions to include the following: Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Detachment Leader, AIT Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Battalion Command Sergeant Major. His assignments also include the 9th Army Band, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 1st Armored Division Band, Wiesbaden, Germany, COB Speicher, Iraq, United States Army School of Music, Virginia Beach, Virginia. 3rd Infantry Division Band, Fort Stewart, Georgia, 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters & Headquarters Battalion, United States Forces-Afghanistan(USFOR-A), Joint Task Force-3(JTF-3), Bagram, Afghanistan.

His military and civilian education includes Basic Leaders Course(BLC), Advanced Leaders Course(ALC), Senior Leaders Course(SLC), First Sergeants Course, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault Course, AIT Platoon Sergeant Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course(MRTC), Army Basic Instructor Training Course(ABIC), Battle Staff NCO Course, Company Commander's & First Sergeant's Course (CCFSC), Combat Lifesavers Course, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Armed Forces School of Music Basic Course and Equal Opportunity Leaders Course. He is currently pursuing a degree in Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts through Excelsior College.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), Army Achievement Medal (7th award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal, with bronze star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, with 2 campaign star, Iraq Campaign Medal, with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3rd award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th award), NATO Medal, with 2 operation star, Airborne, Air Assault, Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge and Drivers Badges with Track and Wheel, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd award).

He enjoys spending time with his family during his off-duty time and also love sports to include rugby which he was part of the All-Army Rugby Team and Armed Forces Rugby Team from 1998-2008.