



CSM Ken A. Pilkenton is a native of Saint Louis Missouri. He enlisted in the Army in July 2000 as a Reconnaissance Specialist.

CSM Pilkenton completed one station unit training (OSUT) at Fort Knox Kentucky and was subsequently awarded the MOS 19D, Cavalry Scout.

CSM Pilkenton has served in every leadership position from team leader to Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Pilkenton's stateside assignments include Fort Knox Kentucky, Fort Bragg North Carolina, Fort Drum New York, Chicago Illinois, Fort Bliss Texas, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Washington. His overseas assignments include Bidingen, Germany. He has deployed to Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan for multiple combat operations and in support of multi-national peacekeeping operations.

CSM Pilkenton's military education includes the Modern Army Combatives course (Level 1 and 2), the Primary Leadership Development course (PLDC), the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant school at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Scout Basic NCO Course (BNCOC), the Maneuver Advanced NCO course, the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leaders course (RSLC), the Equal Opportunity Leader course (EOL), the Tactical Explosives and Capabilities course, the Combat Tracking & Counter Reconnaissance school, the Battle Staff NCO course (BSNCO), Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Prevention (SHARP) course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE-C High Risk) school at Camp Mackall North Carolina, the Joint Counter IED course, the Tactical Site Exploitation Leaders course, the Cavalry Leaders (CLC) course, the Advanced Urban Warfare school, the Unassisted Asset Recovery course, the Combat Language course (Pashtu), the Master Resiliency Trainer (MRT) course, the First Sergeant course and the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy Class 72. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree from Excelsior University in Liberal Arts.

CSM Pilkenton has recently graduated from the Geospatial Information and Services (GI&S) Officer Training Course (GOTC) and is pursuing a master's degree from The Citadel in Organizational Leadership.

CSM Pilkenton's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5th award) the Army Commendation medal (7th award), the Drill Sergeant badge, the Airborne badge, the Combat Action badge, the German Sutzenshnur (Silver Class), the Master Driver Badge in Wheel (W) as well as Track (T) and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM).

CSM Pilkenton resides in Fortson Georgia with his wife Kate and son Kade.