

## Sergeant Major Richard L. Meeker

Sergeant Major Richard L. Meeker was raised in Metropolis, IL. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps upon graduation from High School in 1989. After his four-year enlistment, SGM Meeker joined the United States Army, and has served in both the Active and Reserve components. His units include 233 HET Company, 19 ENG BN, 194 Armor BDE, Fort Knox, KY; A Company, 3 BN, 398 RGT, 100 IN Division, Paducah, KY; A Company 1 BN, 398 RGT, 100 IN Division, TF Marshall, Fort Jackson, SC; A Company, 1 BN, 77 AR, Schweinfurt, GE; HHD 3 BN, 66 AR, Schweinfurt, GE; HHC 188<sup>th</sup> IN BDE, Fort Stewart, GA; HHC, 173 IBCT (A), Vicenza, IT; A Troop and HHT, 1-91 CAV, 173 IBCT (A) Grafenwöhr, GE; HHC, USAG-Bliss, Fort Bliss, TX; HHBN, 1 Armor Division, TF CJOC-J, Amman, Jordan; HHC, Brigade Modernization Command, Fort Bliss, TX; and HHC 7 Army Training Command, Grafenwöhr, GE

SGM Meeker has served in every enlisted leadership position from team leader to Operations Sergeant Major. He has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08, and Operation Enduring Freedom XII.

SGM Meeker is a graduate of all NCOPDS, culminating with graduation from the United States Army's Sergeants Major Academy. He has also attended, Drill Sergeant School, Battle Staff Non-Commission Officer Course, Basic Airborne Course, Advanced Airborne Course, The Commander and First Sergeant's Course, Master Resilience Training, and Abrams Master Gunner Course for M1A2 SEP. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree for Business and Management from Excelsior College.

SGM Meeker's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, the Master Gunner Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Badge. His foreign awards include Parachutist Badges from Germany, Lithuania, Moldova, Romania, and the German Marksmanship Badge (Shützenschnur, Gold). In addition, SGM Meeker has been inducted into the Order of St. George.