

Command Sergeant Major Eric J. Buonopane
Command Sergeant Major, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade

CSM Eric J. Buonopane is a native of Manchester, New Hampshire. He enlisted in the Army in July 1997 and completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Buonopane served in every leadership position from Fire Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. His previous assignments include: 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia; 5th Ranger Training Battalion in Dahlonga, Georgia; Regimental Special Troops Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia; The Army Compartmented Element at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. Most recently CSM Buonopane served as the CSM for 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. CSM Buonopane has deployed 10 times in support of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

CSM Buonopane's military and civilian education includes: Airborne School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, Long Range Surveillance Leadership Course, Sniper School, Regimental Master Breacher Course, Summer Mountain Warfare, Winter Mountain Warfare, Summer Assault Climber Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced NCOES Courses, the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy(Class 22), and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Non-Resident). CSM Buonopane holds a Bachelors of Science in Organizational Leadership from the University of Charleston.

CSM Buonopane's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (4th Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (8th Award), Army Achievement Medal (8th Award), Presidential Unit Citation Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (5 Campaign Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and German Parachutist Badge.