

# CSM Ronald E. Kinard

(194<sup>th</sup> Armor Brigade CSM)



CSM Ronald E. Kinard is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. He enlisted in the U.S Army in 2001 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY, where he was awarded the Cavalry Scout (19D) Military Occupational Specialty.

CSM Kinard has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major as well as an Observer Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center and as the Senior Military Science Instructor at Providence College Reserve Officer Training Command.

His assignments include, 2/2 Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; TF3 Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; Providence College, Providence, RI; 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Grafenwoehr, Germany; The Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX; United States Army Alaska,

Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, AK; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, HI. He has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan for multiple combat operations.

CSM Kinard's military education includes all NCOES through The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ranger Course, Airborne Course, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster Course, Scout Platoon Leader Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, JRTC Observer Controller Course, Sharp Foundation Course, SOCC Instructor Training Course, Developmental Instructor Course, Commander/First Sergeant Course, Battalion and Brigade Level Pre-Command Course, and the Command Sergeant Major Development Course. His civilian education includes a high school diploma from West Ashley High School, a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership Studies and Development from Providence College, and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Texas El Paso.

CSM Kinard's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), the Meritorious Service Medal (4<sup>th</sup> award) the Army Commendation Medal (5<sup>th</sup> award) the Army Achievement Award (4<sup>th</sup> award), the Presidential Unit Citation (2<sup>nd</sup> award), the Valorous Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Good Conduct Medal (7<sup>th</sup> award), the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with star), the Iraq Campaign Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Star), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (5<sup>th</sup> award), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award), the NATO Medal, the Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Dutch, German, and Latvian Foreign Jump Wings. CSM Kinard is also a recipient of the Order of Saint George Bronze medallion.

CSM Kinard is married to Amy Kinard who hails from Charleston, South Carolina for eighteen years. They have one daughter, Marissa, and one son Brady.