

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (RETIRED)  
GARY R CARPENTER

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GARY R CARPENTER ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN JANUARY 1961. HE ATTENDED BASIC TRAINING AT FORT JACSON SOUTH CAROLINA AND ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING AT FORT BENNING GEORGIA. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO THE 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, AT FORT CAMPBELL KENTUCKY WHERE HE ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM JUMP SCHOOL.

SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED IN NUMEROUS OVERSEAS DUTY ASSIGNMENTS; 1ST BN 12<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY, 1<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY DIVISION KOREA, 1ST BATTALION 509<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY (AIRBORNE MECHANIZED) MAINZ GERMANY. HE SERVED TWO TOURS IN VIETNAM, THE FIRST WITH THE 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE WHERE HE WAS A SQUAD LEADER WITH THE RECON PLATOON IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 503<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY. HIS SECOND TOUR IN VIETNAM HE WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE 32<sup>ND</sup> RANGER BATTALION (32<sup>ND</sup> BIET DONG QUAN). OTHER OVERSEAS TOURS INCLUDE JAPAN AND HAWAII.

AFTER HIS FIRST TOUR IN VIETNAM, HE WAS AGAIN ASSIGNED TO THE 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION AND WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND AND GRADUATED FROM THE US ARMY RANGER SCHOOL AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA. IN 1972 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A/75<sup>TH</sup> RANGER FORT HOOD, TEXAS AS A PLATOON SERGEANT AND LATER AS 1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT OF THE LRRP COMPANY. WHEN THE TWO REMAINING RANGER COMPANIES LEFT FROM VIETNAM COMPANY A AT FORT HOOD AND COMPANY B AT FORT CARSON WERE DEACTIVATED HE ATTENDED DRILL SERGEANT SCHOOL AT FORT DIX NEW JERSEY AND SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED TWO YEARS AS A BASIC TRAINING DRILL SERGEANT. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION RANGER 75<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY AT FORT STEWART, GA. AS 1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT OF BRAVO COMPANY.

HE ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY AT FORT BLISS TEXAS, THEN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE GARRISON AT CAMP ZAMA, JAPAN WHERE HE SERVED AS A 1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT UNTIL HIS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT MAJOR. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED AS THE OPERATIONS SERGEANT MAJOR OF UNITED STATES ARMY JAPAN AND IX CORPS. HE WAS THEN SELECTED AS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION RANGER, 75<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR AT HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD IN SAVANNAH, GA. DURING HIS TOUR AS 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION CSM HE PARTICAPATED IN OPERATION URGEANT FURY ON THE SMALL ISLAND OF GRENADA WHERE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> RANGER BATTALION'S SECURED THE RELEASE AND SAFETY OF THE MEDICAL STUDENTS IN GRENADA. CSM CARPENTER WAS THE JUMPMASER ON THE LEAD AIRCRAFT PARACHUTING INTO GRENADA ON A HOT DROP ZONE.

CSM CARPENTER WAS THEN SELECTED AS THE 75<sup>TH</sup> RANGER REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR AT FORT BENNING GA, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> RSM OF THE REGIMENT. FROM THERE, COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CARPENTER WAS ASSIGNED AS THE DIVISION SERGEANT MAJOR FOR THE 25<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION (L) AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII. FROM THERE HE WAS ASSIGNED AS THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR OF UNITED STATES ARMY JAPAN/IX CORPS AT CAMP ZAMA, JAPAN. HE WAS THEN SELECTED AS A MACOM COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR OF UNITED STATES ARMY PACIFIC, FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS 34 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH HIS SOLDIERS AND HIS COUNTRY.

MILITARY SCHOOLS:

BASIC TRAINING

ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING

AIRBORNE SCHOOL

RANGER SCHOOL

1<sup>ST</sup> CACALRY DIVISION NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

ADVANCED NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT COURSE

UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

BROWN VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, WILMINGTON DELAWARE

TRINITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION WITH A MAJOR IN MANAGEMENT

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

MASTER PARACHUTIST BADGE

US ARMY RANGER TAB

DRILL SERGEANT BADGE

LEGION OF MERIT 2

BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE 2

BRONZE STAR 2

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL 4

AIR MEDAL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL 2

EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL WITH BRONZE ARROWHEAD

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN W/ 4 STARS

VIETNAM SERVICE RIBBON W'60 DEVICE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER MEDAL 7

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

FOREIGN AWARDS

GERMAN PARACHUTE BADGE

FRENCH PARACHUTE BADGE  
VIETNAMESE RANGER BADGE (BIET DONG QUAN)  
VIETNAMESE PARACHUTE BADGE  
VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH SILVER STAR

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, (RETIRED) CARPENTER MARRIED BARBARA A. BREEDING ON 16 JUNE 1962. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN, KIM, GARY, AND LORI.

KIM IS THE SPACE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATIONS. SHE ALSO SERVED ONE TOUR OF DUTY IN THE US ARMY AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST.

GARY IS A POLICE OFFICER IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA. HE IS ALSO A COMBAT VETERAN OF THE PANAMA INVASION AND DESSERT STORM.

LORI WORKS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATIONS AS A LEGAL ANALYST. SHE ALSO SERVED ONE TOUR OF DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY POLICE CORPS.

THE CARPENTERS HAVE 3 GRAND CHILDREN, CANDICE, MARIAH, AND ALEXANDRA.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CARPENTER RETIRED FROM ACTIVE DUTY 31 MAY 1995. GARY AND BARBARA, HIS BRIDE OF 45 YEARS RESIDE IN MIDLOTHIAN, VIRGINIA.

SINCE HIS RETIREMENT HE HAS WORKED IN BOSNIA, 1996-2000 AS PART OF THE US STATE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM TO TRAIN AND EQUIP THE ARMY OF BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA.

KUWAIT 2001 2003 SETTING UP AND RUNNING A US MODEL NCO ACADEMY FOR THE KUWAIT NATIONAL GUARD.

MILITARY ANALYST AT TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND, FORT LEE VA (TRAC-LEE) 2004 2006.

IRAQ, ADVISOR MENTOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN TRAINING AT MOD, JUNE 2006 –APRIL 2007.