

UNITED STATES ARMY CENTRAL

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR BRIAN A. HESTER Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Army Central



CSM Hester enlisted as an Infantryman in the United States Army on 1 August 1990, in Mount Sterling, Illinois. He attended basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

His last assignment was as the 25th Infantry Division, Command Sergeant Major. Previous assignments include - 1-506th INF, South Korea; 2-504 PIR, Ft Bragg, NC; U.S. Army Recruiting Command; 2-504 PIR, Ft Bragg, NC; Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft Polk, LA; 1-509th PIR, Ft Polk, LA; 2-4 INF, Ft Polk, LA; Asymmetric Warfare Group, Ft Meade, MD; 1-38th CAV Regiment, Ft Bragg, NC; U.S. Army Security Assistance Training Management Organization, Ft Bragg, NC; Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Office of Security Cooperation -- Iraq, U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. He has also served three tours in Iraq (OIF II, OIF VII, and OIR), two tours in Afghanistan (OEF II and OEF VII) and KFOR 17.

He has served in every leadership position in the Infantry from Team Leader through Command Sergeant Major. He assumed duties as the United States Army Central, Command Sergeant Major on September 17, 2017.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic NCO Course, Advanced NCO Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Ranger School, Jump Master School, Recruiting School, Pathfinder School, First Sergeant's Course and the Joint Special Operation Senior Enlisted Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College in Albany New York.

His awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (50LC), Army Commendation Medal (50LC), Army Achievement Medal (70LC), Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars & Arrowhead Device), Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 6), NATO Medal, Korea Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, and the Meritorious Unit Citation (20LC). Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Air Assault Wings, Pathfinder Badge and the Gold Recruiters Badge.

He is married and has two children.



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