

## Command Sergeant Major Eric Chastain – Area Support Group – Jordan

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Command Sergeant Major Eric Chastain split his youth between Cleora, Oklahoma and Beaumont, California. He enlisted in the Army out of Los Angeles, California and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia graduating as an 11C infantryman in 1997.

CSM Chastain's previous assignments include: Command Sergeant Major at 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, US Army Cadet Command; Command Sergeant Major at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment; Operations Sergeant Major at 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment; Senior Military Instructor at University of Portland Army ROTC in Portland, Oregon; First Sergeant at HHC, 4<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division; First Sergeant at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment; Mortar Platoon Sergeant and Mortar Section Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment; and Squad Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. His overseas service includes Camp Greaves, South Korea, United States Military Training Mission at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2004, 2006-2007, and 2009-2010).

CSM Chastain is a graduate of Ranger School, Airborne Course, Pathfinder Course, Air-Assault Course, Rappel Master Course, Emergency Medical Technician- Basic Course, Instructor Training Course, Battle Staff Course, the First Sergeant Course, the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 66), and the Battalion and Brigade Command Sergeants Major Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (4 stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Drivers Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He is a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice, a Distinguished Member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, awarded the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky, and White House Fellows National Finalist.

CSM Chastain, a citizen of Cherokee Nation, is the first in his family to attend college. He pursued undergraduate studies at UCLA, holds a Doctorate and Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. In 2019, he was selected as a Tillman Scholar by the Pat Tillman Foundation.

CSM Chastain and his spouse Jeanie have one girl Eaden (11), and four boys: Kadan (18), Jacob (15), Wyatt (14), and Ethan (9).