



## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ERIC D. HAYES

### 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command Fort Knox, KY

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Eric D. Hayes was born in Rochester, Minnesota and entered the Army in August 1997 attending One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty of 19D: Armored Reconnaissance Specialist.

CSM Hayes' assignments include Bradley Fighting Vehicle driver in the Scout Platoon of HHC, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Senior Scout's Gunner and Truck Commander for the Scout Platoon of HHC, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Republic of South Korea; Squad Leader for 1st Platoon, A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry; Senior Scout for 3rd Platoon, A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, Fort Drum, New York; Squad Leader, 2nd Platoon, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry, Fort Drum, New York; Schools NCO, Senior Scout and Platoon Sergeant in 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry, Fort Drum, New York; Platoon Sergeant for A Company, 3-85 Infantry, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Drum, New York; Platoon Sergeant, 1st Platoon, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry, Fort Drum, New York; Operations NCO, G3, XVIII Airborne Corps; First Sergeant of Operations Company, HHBn, XVIII Airborne Corps HQ, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Operations Sergeant Major for the G3 Current Operations, XVIII Airborne Corps HQ, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Senior Military Science Instructor at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas; Armor Enlisted Branch Sergeant Major, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, Fort Knox, Kentucky.



CSM Hayes has served overseas tours in the Republic of South Korea, deployed to Kosovo (OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN 2001-2002), three tours in Afghanistan (OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 2003-2004, 2006-2007, and 2014); and Iraq (OPERATION NEW DAWN 2011).

CSM Hayes' awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (10 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8 KT), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal (BSS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism

Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 5), NATO Medal (BSS), Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Driver/Mechanic Badge (Wheel & Track), German Parachutist Badge, and the German Gold Schuetzenschnur. His unit awards include Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3OLC) and the Meritorious Unit Citation (2OLC). CSM Hayes is a Sergeant Audie Murphy Award recipient.

CSM Hayes' military education includes: The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Sergeant Major Course (Commandant's List), the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy First Sergeant's Course, the Senior Leader's Course (Commandant's List), the Advanced Leader's Course (Commandant's List & Ironman Award), the Basic Leader's Course (Commandant's List), Basic Airborne Course, Senior ROTC Pre-Command Course, Master Resiliency Trainer Course, Company Commander/First Sergeant Course. CSM Hayes has earned an Associate's degree from Pierce College.