

CSM James A. Kilpatrick entered the United States Army in March, 1984 and completed his advanced individual training (Honor Graduate) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. for Combat Engineer.

He served as the Fort Carson Garrison CSM, Fort Carson, Colo., prior to his current assignment as 1-345th Engineer (TS) Battalion CSM.

Throughout his military career, he's been selected and served in numerous leadership positions such as: team leader (1985), 547th Engineer Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany; team leader and squad leader (1987-1989), 307th Engineer Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N. C.; squad leader (1989-1990, 1991-1992), 237th Engineer Battalion, Heilbronn, Germany; squad leader (1990-1991), 82nd Engineer Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; squad observer/controller (1992-1993), Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Little Rock AFB, Ark.; platoon observer/controller (1993-1994), Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, La.; senior drill sergeant (1994-1996), 35th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; instructor and patrolling committee chief (1996-1998), 577th Engineer Battalion, Sapper Leader Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; chief instructor, Sapper Leader Course (1998), 577th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; 1SG (1998-2001), HHC & C CO, 44th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea; student at the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy (2001-2002), Fort Bliss, Texas; operations sergeant major, Engineer Brigade (2002-2003), 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea; Battalion Command Sergeant Major (2003-2005), 44th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea and Fort Carson, Colo.; Battalion Command SGM (2005-2008), 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Fort Carson, Colo.; Battalion CSM (2008), 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division; Garrison CSM (2008-2012), Fort Carson Colo.

Kilpatrick has completed three tours of combat in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom III-IV and 06-08.

Kilpatrick's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (w/2 OLC); Meritorious Service Medal (w/1 Silver OLC); Army Commendation Medal (w/3 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (w/1 Silver OLC); Army Good Conduct Medal (8th AWD); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Govt. of Saudi Arabia); Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/3 Bronze Stars); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Govt. of Kuwait); National Defense Service Medal (w/1 Bronze Star); Army Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award; Army Superior Unit Award; Combat Action Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Sapper Tab, Drill Sergeant Badge; Air Assault Badge; Driver & Mechanic Badge; Pathfinder Badge; German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge; French Commando Badge and Engineer Bronze DeFelury Medal. Kilpatrick is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy and Sergeant Morales Clubs.

Kilpatrick's military education includes the Warrior Leader Course (WLC); Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC); Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC); United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy (Class52); Command Sergeant's Major Course; Garrison Command Sergeant's Major Course (CL 08-03); Battle Staff NCO Course; Ranger School; Sapper School; Airborne School; Jump Master Course; French Commando School; Equal Opportunity Leaders Course; Master Fitness Trainer Course; Air Assault School, Combat Lifesaver Course; Pathfinder Course; Drill Sergeant School; Instructor Trainer and Air Movement Operations Course.

Kilpatrick holds an Associate's degree from Texas Central College, a Bachelor's degree from Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., and a Master's degree from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.