

## **Command Sergeant Major Donald Ferguson**

Command Sergeant Major Donald Ferguson grew up in southern WV in the town of Spanishburg. Upon enlisting in 1992 he attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has held the leadership positions of Section Chief, Station Leader, Station Commander, Platoon Sergeant, Operations NCOIC, Battery First Sergeant, ROTC Senior Military Instructor, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

His assignments include the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Fort Stewart, GA), 25 Infantry Division (Schofield Barracks, HI) 18<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery BDE (ABN) (Fort Bragg, NC), 82d Airborne (Fort Bragg, NC), Milwaukee Recruiting Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> FIRES BDE (Fort Bragg, NC), West Virginia University ROTC and CSM of the 2-289<sup>th</sup> FA (TS) (Camp Atterbury, IN).

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in History and Geography from Morehead State University and a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University.

His military education includes PLDC, BNCOC, ANCO, Army Recruiter Course, First Sergeants Course, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Jumpmaster Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. His deployments include Operation Restore Hope (Somalia 1993-1994), Operation Southern Watch (Kuwait 1999), Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005-2006) and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan 2008-2009).

CSM Ferguson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (8), Army Achievement Medal (9), Good Conduct Medal (6), National Defense Service Medal (with star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 2 stars), Global War on Terror Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, (with numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (with numeral 3), UN Medal, NATO Medal and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. Additionally he has the Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Combat Action Badge, Army Recruiter Badge (Gold with 3 Star Sapphires), Canadian Parachutist Badge, Polish Parachutist Badge and the German Parachutist Badge. CSM Ferguson is also a member of the Honorable Order of St. Barbara as well as the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.