

## **Command Sergeant Major Kelly**

Command Sergeant Major Richard F. Kelly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 1 July 1974 and served to July 1977. He enlisted into the U.S. Army in February 1979 as an E4 specialist and continues to serve.

His military education includes Anti Tank School (Camp Pendleton, Calif. 1975) Embarkation School (Little Creek, Va. 1976) AIT at Fort McClellan Alabama, (MOS 95B) Primary Leadership Course (Fort Knox K.Y. 1980) Drill Sergeant Academy Fort Dix N.J. 1985) Army Non Commissioned Officer Course (Sea Girt N.J. 1987). Battle Focus course (Red Bank N.J. 1997) and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (Fort Bliss, Texas 2006).

Assignments include Okinawa Japan, South Vietnam, Cambodia, Camp Jejun NC, other Asian countries as well as Italy, France, and Spain. As CSM he served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Quarter Master TASS BN out of Lodi N.J. 1st 389<sup>th</sup> Drill Sergeant BN (IET) Schenectady, N.Y. He was mobilized in 2008 for the start-up of RTC East at Fort Dix, N.J, becoming the BDE CSM in October 2008 through February 2009. His current assignment is the BN CSM for the 1st BN 309th Regiment, 174<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, First Army East JB MDL, N.J. His combat tour was in South Vietnam, in April 1975. He holds the Following military occupational specialties: 11B/35B/92A/92Y and 00Z.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (w/oak leaf Cluster), Vietnam Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal's from the USMC & USA, National Defense Service Medal (w/2 bronze stars) Humanitarian Service Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Reserve Component Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device & bronze Hour Glass) and the Drill Sergeant Badge.