



BIOGRAPHY

Master Sergeant Michael T. McKenzie is a native of Leominster, Massachusetts. He joined the United States Army in October 1994 in which he attended Infantry Basic Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. After a break in active service, Master Sergeant McKenzie came back on active duty in May 2000.

Master Sergeant McKenzie has held numerous positions in the Infantry: Rifleman, Assistant Gunner, Machine Gunner, Radio-Telephone Operator, 60mm Mortar Crew Ammo Bearer, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant and S-3 NCO.

Master Sergeant McKenzie's previous assignments include: 3-75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia; 3-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea; 2-504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; while assigned to the 2-504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he deployed one to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2005 thru 2006 and twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 thru 2008 and 2009-2010; his last unit of assignment was 1-314th Infantry Regiment, 1st Army, Division East, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Master Sergeant McKenzie is a graduate of Primary, Basic and Maneuver-Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Courses, Airborne, Air Movement Operations Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Airborne Leaders Course, and Jumpmaster Course.

Master Sergeant McKenzie's awards and decorations include: the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Airborne Badge, Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (w/ 2 stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional

Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4), Meritorious Unit Citation and Ecuadorean Parachute Badge.