

CSM José E. Nieves Martinez is from Toa Baja, Puerto Rico. On February, 1981 he Enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Private (E-1) into 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga. He attended Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and AIT at Ft. Ben Harrison, Ind. as a 75B Personnel Service. In July, 1982, Nieves transferred to 24th Combat Aviation Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga. working at the S-1 office. On April, 1984, he joined the Army Reserve, assigned to 429th Personal Service Company, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. On September, 1994 he was transferred to 7581st Garrison, 65th ARCOM, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico and three years later he was transferred to 973rd Water Purification Unit, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. Nieves was mobilized as a 1SG with the 430th Field Service Support Unit to Operation Iraqi Freedom on February 2003-2004 and served at Camp Taji, Iraq. On May, 2004 he was assigned to 973rd Water Purification Unit, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he serve as a Company 1SG for a period of six years. On April, 2011 Nieves was assigned to the 393rd CSSB, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, as a MSG SPO NCOIC. That same year was selected for Command Sergeant Major Designee list 2011 and he is currently attending Sergeant Major Academy class 37. Nieves is the recipient of the following awards and decorations: Bronze Star Medal; Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak leaf); Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (7 Oak leaf); National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (Silver Oak leaf); Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3).