

CSM Jonathan Everette Bentley hails from Charlotte, N. C., entered the United States Army on January 20, 1987 as an infantryman and instructor assigned to 2nd BN/108th Training Group, 108th Division. Bentley served as an Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Land Mine warfare instructor until 1991 when he volunteered for the United States Army Drill Sergeant School. Bentley served as a drill sergeant and senior drill sergeant until 1999 when he was assigned as an operations noncommissioned officer for 3rd Battalion 518th Infantry Regiment. In 2003, Bentley volunteered for mobilization to serve as senior drill sergeant and acting first sergeant, Delta Company, 1st Battalion 34th Infantry Regiment. In 2007, Bentley was assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion 323rd Infantry Regiment and was later selected to serve as acting command sergeant major. Following this 18 month assignment, Bentley was assigned to Head Quarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 98th Training Division as a first sergeant. In February, 2010, Bentley was selected to serve as senior operations NCO, J645, Defense Logistics Agency. Upon completion of this assignment, Bentley returned to the 98th Training Division to serve as acting command sergeant major assigned to 1st Battalion, 321st Infantry Regiment. Bentley was selected for promotion to sergeant major in March 2010 and appointed to command sergeant major on SEP 1, 2011. He is currently assigned to 1st Battalion, 311th Regiment, 4th Cavalry Brigade.

Bentley's military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course; Army Instructor's Course; Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Office Course; Drill Sergeant School; First Sergeant's Course and is currently enrolled in the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Bentley's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster); the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters); the Army Achievement Medal (with silver oak leaf cluster); the Army Reserve Achievement Medal (with silver oak leaf cluster); the National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; The Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon (with "M" device and silver hourglass); three NCOES ribbons; The Army Service Ribbon and Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.