

Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Valentin Jr. entered the Army in Sept. 1987. He was born in Perth Amboy, N.J. Valentin completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training for cannon crewmember at Fort Sill, Okla. Since that time, his assignments include the HHB 3rd Battalion 11th FA, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 1st Battalion 15th Field Artillery, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; 1st Battalion 11th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 2nd Armor Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.; 2nd Battalion 3rd Field Artillery Giessen, Germany; Echo 7th Field Artillery Divarty, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 2nd Battalion 315 FAR, New Cumberland, Pa.; 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 2nd Battalion 15th Field Artillery, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 82nd ABN DIV 1st Battalion 321 Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Valentin has completed an associate degree in Criminal Justice with Jefferson Community College, Bachelors Degree in Paralegals with University of Maryland University College, master's degree in Military Operations, master's degree in Health Administration, and a master's degree in Legal and Expert Witness Interrogation. Valentin is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 58, First Sergeant Course, Advance Noncommissioned Officer Course, Battle Staff, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Airborne Course, Air Assault School, Equal Opportunity Course, and Warrior Leader Course.

He has also performed in every leadership position from Howitzer Section Chief, Chief of Firing Battery, and Headquarters, Headquarters Battery First Sergeant. He has also performed as S-3 Operations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, 18th Fires Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, and currently Battalion Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Battalion 314th Field Artillery.

Valentin's awards and decorations include Bronze Star (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (6th OLC), Army Commendation Medal (9th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (8th OLC), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Medal, Meritorious Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon(4), Army Overseas Service Ribbon(2), Army Service Ribbon, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, and Driver Badge.