Command Sergeant Major Edward E. Estep

CSM Edward E. Estep is a native of Missouri. CSM Estep graduated from Cabool High School in Cabool Missouri in 1982 and joined the Army on 14 September 1990. He attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Sill, OK.

CSM Estep's assignments include a tour in Germany where he served as a howitzer driver and cannoneer #2 with Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery. He then moved on to Fort Riley, KS where he served as gunner and howitzer section chief for Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. CSM Estep volunteered for Drill Sergeant School and served two years in Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery. Staying at Fort Sill, OK his next assignment was Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery where he served in positions of Gunnery Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant. His next assignment was Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, Camp Hovey, Korea where he was Platoon Sergeant and 1SG. Upon returning to Fort Sill, OK he was the 1SG for Charlie Btry, 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2003 until April 2004. Returning for Iraq CSM Estep then attended the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, class 56. Returning from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy CSM Estep served as the HHB 1SG and Operations Sergeant Major for 2-4 FA (MLRS). CSM Estep was with 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 1BCT, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) where he deployed from September 2007 until November 2008. CSM Estep recent assignment was the CSM for 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery, 434th FA BDE, Fort Sill, OK.

His military education includes PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOC, First Sergeants course, Sergeants Major Course, Master Fitness course, and Drill Sergeants course. CSM Estep has an Associate Degree from Central Texas College and a Bachelors in Military Leadership from American Military University.

CSM Estep's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver OLC, 3 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4), and Meritorious Unit Citation. CSM Estep's badges include the Drill Sergeant's Badge, Parachutist's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, Field Artillery Badge (1st Class), and Drivers Badge Track and Wheel. He has received the Honorable Order of St. Barbara and is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.CSM Estep is married and has three children.