

## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR Earlene Y. Lavender JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL



Command Sergeant Major Earlene Y. Lavender is a native of Kentucky. She enlisted in the Army Aug. 31, 1983, and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where she was awarded Personnel Administrative Specialist as her Primary Military Occupational Specialty.

Overseas assignments include Nurnberg and Erlanger, Germany; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort Kobbe, Panama; Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Red Cloud, Korea.



Her stateside assignments include tours at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort

McClellan, Ala.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lewis, Wash. She has served in a variety of duty positions to include Personnel Administrative Specialist, Personnel Administration Center Supervisor, Drill Sergeant, Personnel Operation Branch, and G1 Strength Manager. She was also the Alpha Battery, 95th Reception Battalion, and Fitness Training Battery First Sergeant.

She has served as Command Sergeant Major for the 22d Personnel Service Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash., where her battalion was forward deployed; the U.S. Army Garrison, Red Cloud, Korea; and the U.S. Army Environmental Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Command Sergeant Major Lavender has attended various military schools including the Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant School, the Sergeants Major Academy "Class 54," the Command Sergeants Major Designee Course, and the Garrison Sergeants Major Course. She also holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Excelsior College.

Her military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Silver, with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (Silver, with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Drill Sergeant Badge.