



**Command Sergeant Major Rod D. Celestaine enlisted in the United States Army in March 1990. A native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, he received his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.**

**During his service, Command Sergeant Major Celestaine has held various assignments and leadership positions which include: Squadron Legal Specialist, 4/2D Armored Cavalry Regiment (Fuecht, FRG); Regimental Senior Legal NCO, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (Nuernberg, FRG); NCOIC, Criminal Law (Nuernberg Law Center); NCOIC, Trial Defense Service; Squad Leader; Brigade Senior Legal NCO, Ranger Training Brigade (Fort Benning, GA); Regimental Senior Legal NCO, 75th Ranger Regiment (Fort Benning, GA);**

**Platoon Sergeant; Observer/Controller, Joint Readiness Training Center (Fort Polk, Louisiana); Medical Claims Investigator (Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii); Command Paralegal NCO, 82d Airborne Division (Fort Bragg, North Carolina); First Sergeant/Deputy Commandant, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, The United States Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (Charlottesville, Virginia); Senior Enlisted Leader, Liberian Security Sector Reform Mission (Liberia, West Africa); Army Service Element Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Africa Command; and as the Legal Engagements Division Sergeant Major (Stuttgart, Germany). He assumed responsibility as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 369th Adjutant General Battalion on 13 July 2012.**

**Throughout his career, Command Sergeant Major Celestaine has continued to further his military education and training. He has completed the United States Army Ranger School (Class 12-95); Basic Airborne School; the French Airborne School (Pau, France); Primary Leadership Development Course; both Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses; The United States Air Force Law Office Manager's Course; Chief Paralegal Noncommissioned Officer Course; Command Paralegal Sergeants Major Course, the Operational Law of War Course, Air Assault Course; The United States Army Advanced Airborne Jumpmaster Course; The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 57); the Pre-Command Course; and the Command Sergeants Major Course. Command Sergeant Major Celestaine is also a graduate of the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies with the University of Maryland and has completed 99 semester hours toward graduation.**

**Command Sergeant Major Celestaine's awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (4); Army Commendation Medal (7); Joint Service Achievement Medal (2) ; Army Achievement Medal (2); Good Conduct Medal (7); National Defense Service Medal (2); NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4); Army Service Ribbon; Southwest Asia Service Medal (4); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA); Kuwait Liberation Medal (KU); Oversea Service Ribbon (3); Humanitarian Service Medal; Master Parachutist Badge; Basic Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; French Parachutist Badge; Australian Parachutist Badge; Irish Parachutist Badge; German Marksmanship Badge (Silver); Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3); Valorous Unit Award; Army Superior Unit Award; and the Ranger Tab.**

**Command Sergeant Major Celestaine is married with five children and one grandson.**