

**SSG JOHN W. KRECKEL NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) FORT CAMPBELL KY, 42223**



***FIRST SERGEANT
LAWRENCE E. FLOWERS
DEPUTY COMMANDANT***

First Sergeant Lawrence E. Flowers entered the United States Army in 1990, completing Basic Training at FT Jackson, SC. Later that year he graduated from the Multichannel Communications Systems Operator Course (31M) Advanced Individual Training at FT Gordon, GA. In October 1991 he re-classified and attended the Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE) Network Switching Systems Operator/Maintainer Course (31F).

First Sergeant Flowers' distinguished career has included a myriad of integral duty positions. He was first assigned to Bco 127th Signal Bn, FT Ord, CA; where he served as an Electronic Voice Switching Systems Operator. His next assignment took 1SG Flowers to Aco 97th Signal Bn (later re-designated 414th Signal Co), Mannheim, Germany where he served as a Large Extension Node Operator and Team Chief in support of NATO operations and Allied Land Forces Central Europe. Next, 1SG Flowers was assigned to Dco 63rd Signal Bn, FT Gordon, GA, where he performed duties as a Transportable Automatic Switching Center (Dial Central Office) Team Chief. This tour was followed by assignments to 141st Signal Bn, Bad Kreuznach, Germany and 32nd Signal Bn, Darmstadt, Germany where he served as a Node Center Switch Section Chief, Network Control NCO and Platoon Sergeant; deploying in support of 3rd ID(M) during OIF 1. He followed these assignments by being selected for duty as a Field Recruiter in Hopkinsville, KY. After successful completion of recruiting duty, 1SG Flowers volunteered as a member of a Military Transition Team. He was assigned to Baghdad, Iraq with the 6th Iraqi Army Division MiTT team as a G6 Advisor and Communications Chief. 1SG Flowers was later assigned to the 101ST NCOA as a Senior Small Group Leader, WLC Deputy Chief, and is currently the Deputy Commandant.

First Sergeant Flowers is a graduate of the US Army Signal Telecommunications School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Signal Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Signal Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Army Basic Recruiter Course, MiTT Combat Advisor Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, and the Master Resiliency Trainer Course. He has an Associates of Technology Degree from Pierce Community College.

First Sergeant Flowers' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), the National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Iraqi Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 5), the NATO Medal, the Gold Recruiter Badge (with 3 Sapphire Stars), the Recruiter Ring and the Glen E. Morrell Medallion for Recruiting Excellence.

First Sergeant Flowers has been married for 17 years, and also has 1 son and 1 daughter.