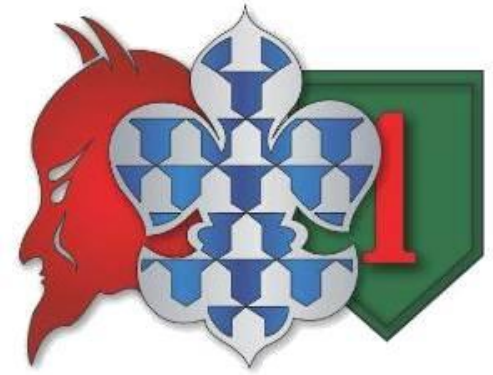




CSM Mark A. Kiefer

CSM, 1st Armored Brigade
Combat Team



Command Sergeant Major Mark A. Kiefer enlisted in the Army in January 1986 and completed One Station Unit Training at Ft. Knox, KY as a 19K, Armor Crewman.

CSM Kiefer's assignments and duty positions include: Tank Loader, Driver, and Gunner, D/3-33 Armor and D/4-8 CAV, Gelnhausen, Germany, 3rd Armored Division from May 1986-May 1988; Tank Gunner, H/2/3 ACR, Fort Bliss, TX from June 1988-December 1989; Tank Commander and Master Gunner, C/3-69 Armor, 24th ID, Ft. Stewart, GA from January 1990-March 1995; Tank Commander and Master Gunner, C/4-67 Armor, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany, April 1995-December 1996; Platoon Sergeant and Master Gunner, A/1-32 Armor, 2nd ID, Ft. Lewis, WA from December 1996-February 2000; First Sergeant, C/3-67 Armor, H/10th CAV, HHC/3-67 Armor, Ft. Hood, TX from March 2000-March 2005; Division Master Gunner Advisor, 35th Field Training Group, Ft. Leavenworth, KS from April 2005-September 2005; Operations Sergeant Major, HQ/1-35 Armor, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, October 2005-February 2007; Battalion CSM, 1st Combined Arms Battalion (AETF), 1st Armored Division, Ft. Bliss, TX from March 2007-September 2008; Battalion and Squadron CSM, 3-7 Field Artillery, 3-4 CAV, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, HI, October 2008-May 2012, and currently serving as the Brigade CSM for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st ID, Fort Riley, KS.

CSM Kiefer has served in support of Operation Desert Shield and Storm, Operation Vigilant Warrior, Operation Joint Endeavor as a member of the IFOR; He has 3 tours of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baqubah, Ramadi, and Tikrit. His most recent tour was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in RC-East, in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

CSM Kiefer's awards and honors consist of the Bronze Star (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), ARCOM (7 OLC) and every subordinate award commensurate with a career spanning nearly 27 years. He is the recipient of the Order of St. George (Armor), St. Barbara (Field Artillery), and St. Maurice (Infantry). He has received the Draper Armor Leadership Award and is a member of the Excellence in Armor Program.

CSM Kiefer has completed every level of NCOES, Unit Prevention Leader, M1A2 Tank Commander's Course, Instructor Operator and AGTS Senior Instructor Operator Courses, M1A1 Master Gunner Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Brigade Pre Command Course and Brigade CSM Development Course. CSM Kiefer is pursuing his degree in Agribusiness from Grantham University.