

## Command Sergeant Major Mark D. Belda



CSM Mark D. Belda was born in Wichita, Kansas. He joined the Army in August of 1988 graduated from Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA.

During his career, Command Sergeant Major Belda served as an Operations Sergeant Major, First Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, LRSC Team Leader, Rifle Squad Leader, Anti- Tank Section Sergeant, Rifle Team Leader, Saw Gunner, Grenadier, and Rifleman. Throughout his time in the Army participated in deployments to Somalia as a member of Task Force Ranger; three deployments to Iraq with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and one deployment with the 4<sup>th</sup> ID to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Command Sergeant Major Belda has been assigned to the following units: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment in Fort Benning, Georgia, 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps LRSC at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 58<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, 1st Battalion 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and his last assignment was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Fort Carson, Colorado

Command Sergeant Major Belda's military and civilian education includes the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ranger School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Jumpmaster School, Drill Sergeant School, Pathfinder School, The U.S. Navy Scuba Divers Course, Master of Fitness Course, Warriors Leaders Course, Senior Leaders course, Advanced Leaders Course, Combat Lifesavers Course and he has completed an Associate's Degree in Social Science with Troy University.

Command Sergeant Major Belda's awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, Drill Sergeant Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge(2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Master Parachutist Badge, Scuba Diver Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, BSM (Vand 4OLC), MSM (1 OLC), ARCOM (2 OLC), AAM (3 OLC), GCM (7<sup>th</sup> Award), NDSM (with Bronze Star Device), AFEM, ACM-CS, ICM-CS (2 stars), GWTEM, GWTSM, HSM, NCOPDR (with numeral 4), ASR, OSR (#3) NATOMDL (Afghanistan).