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Command Sergeant Major Cedric J. Thomas

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Command Sergeant Major Cedric J. Thomas – the 14th command sergeant major of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. – is a native of Louisiana. Upon graduating from High School in Boutte, La., he joined the U.S. Army Delayed Entry Program, and he entered active duty on June 11, 1986, as a motor transport operator (64C) at Fort Dix, N.J.



His civilian education consists of two associate degrees. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 55 (Double Nickel), and he has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, to include the First Sergeant Course. He also attended Drill Sergeants School, the Combat Lifesaver Course, and the Air Assault School.

Command Sergeant Major Thomas has served in various commands, including U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Central, TRADOC, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and Army Materiel Command.

He served as command sergeant major at brigade and battalion level, and as first sergeant twice at company level. Other past assignments include G4 NCO in charge, Combat Highway Operation NCOIC and platoon sergeant, HHC U.S. Army Central, Saudi Arabia; Battalion S3 NCOIC, 10th Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Va.; truck master, 11th Transportation Company (HET); truck master, 155th CTC; platoon sergeant, 89th Transportation Company; senior drill sergeant, D Company, 2-46th Infantry, Fort Knox, Ky.; drill sergeant, Fort Knox; section sergeant, 66th Transportation Company, Germany; squad leader, 66th Transportation Company; heavy vehicle driver, 594th Transportation Company, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Division Support Command commander's driver, 8th Infantry Division, Germany; and motor vehicle operator, B Company, 708th Support Battalion, Germany.

His awards and decorations include: The Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (6th Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster); Armed Forces Expedition Medal; Good Conduct Medal (8th award); National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star; Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, with numeral 4; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon, with numeral 4; Kuwait Liberation Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Afghan Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star; NATO Medal; and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He is also a recipient of the Ancient Order of St. Christopher, Air Assault and Drill Sergeant badges, Drivers Badge, and the Physical Fitness Badge.

Some of Command Sergeant Major Thomas' significant achievements include: Sergeant Morales Club Member; Audie Murphy Club Member; USAREUR Transportation Regimental NCO of the Year (1994); Commandants List; and the Commandants Inspection Award winner for BNCOC and Drill Sergeant School. He was also selected twice as Cadre of the Cycle while serving as a drill sergeant.

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