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### Command Sergeant Major Stephen H. Helton

USASOAC Command Sergeant Major  
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CSM Stephen H. Helton entered the United States Army as a Scout Helicopter Crew chief on 3 October 1990. He attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Rucker, AL. Following airborne training he was assigned to 2nd Battalion (Assault) 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

CSM Helton most recently served as the CSM, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. He has participated in numerous operations including Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti 1994, Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003, 2004, 2005, 2010-2011, and Operation Enduring Freedom 2013.



CSM Helton's previous assignments include C Co, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; B Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY; A and F Co, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), Fort Campbell, KY; C, D and A Co, 4th Battalion, 2nd Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Humphreys, ROK; D Co, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS; HHT, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS; HQ, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division., Fort Riley, KS.

CSM Helton is a graduate of USASMA Class 62 and holds an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Central Texas College. Additional courses include Airborne School, Air Assault School, Special Operations Training Course, SERE Level C, Strategic Mobility Planners Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Unit Prevention Leaders Course and the Combat Lifesaver Course.

CSM Helton's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Master Aviation Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He is also the recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Bronze Award) and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

CSM Helton is married the former Ms. Leslie Shafer of Alva, Oklahoma and has one son, Kai.