

***United States Army***  
**Brigade CSM**  
**Ernest D. Bowen, Jr.**

**Command Sergeant Major**  
**157<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade**  
**First Army Division East**



Command Sergeant Major Bowen enlisted in the Army in July 1986 as an Infantryman. After completion of Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA., he was assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Command Sergeant Major Bowen has served in every key leadership position in the Infantry from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. His assignments include 3/21 Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barrack, HI, 4/6 Infantry, Fort Polk, LA; 2/7 Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX; Recruiter and Station Commander, US Army Recruiting Battalion, Pittsburgh, PA; 1/9 Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX; Observer, Coach/Trainer, 1-307<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Fort Jackson, SC; 1-501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Richardson, AK; 4/25<sup>th</sup> Airborne Brigade, Fort Richardson, AK, 1-335 Infantry, Camp Atterbury, IN, 1-5 Infantry, Fort Wainwright, AK, 402<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX.

Command Sergeant Major Bowen's military education includes all noncommissioned officer education system courses. He is a graduate of the Air Force Senior noncommissioned officer school. His additional military training include the First Sergeant Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, and the U.S. Army Recruiting School. Command Sergeant Major Bowen is completing his teaching degree with Liberty University.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star w/ 2OLCs, Meritorious Service Medal w/ 4OLCs, Army Commendation Medal w/ 2OLCs, Army Achievement Medal w/ Silver OLC, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism (Expeditionary and Service), National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Gold Recruiter Badge. He is also a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice and the Order of Saint Barbara.