

***United States Army***  
**Brigade CSM**  
**Mark Brinton**

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



CSM Mark Brinton entered the Army on 1 October 1986. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduating as a Cannon Crewmember (13B).

CSM Brinton's assignments include: B Battery, 4th Battalion, 77th Field Artillery, 41st Field Artillery Brigade, Babenhausen, Germany; A Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 24th Infantry Division; B Battery, 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 5th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion, Jacksonville, Florida; C Battery, 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery; B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery; 2nd Battalion, 306th Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia; HHB DivArty, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery; 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery; 2nd Battalion 77th Field Artillery; 5th Battalion, 82nd Artillery; 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery; 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery. His last position was the Command Sergeant Major of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Casey, South Korea.

CSM Brinton deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom I, Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-10. CSM Brinton has served as a Gunner, Special Weapons NCOIC, Howitzer Section Chief, Recruiter, Gunnery Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Observer/Controller, Operations Sergeant, Intelligence Sergeant, First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major and Command Sergeant Major. CSM Brinton is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

CSM Brinton's military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Infantry Weapons Specialist Course, Air Assault Course, Recruiter Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Paladin Commander Course, Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Course, FBCB2 Course, Basic Combatives Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Non-Resident Class 03-10, Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Courses and Command Sergeants Major Courses.

CSM Brinton's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration and Management from Excelsior College, an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, Indiana and an Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice from Honolulu Community College, Hawaii.

His awards and decoration include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (9 OLC), Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal

(8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (one Service Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (five Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 6).

CSM Brinton has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion, the Gold Army Recruiter Badge with three Sapphire Stars, the Army Recruiter Ring, Gold Spurs, Silver Spurs and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara's Medallion.