



## **United States Army**

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Command Sergeant Major Antonio Leija Jr. was born in San Benito, Texas. He graduated from San Benito High School and entered the United States Army on 25 March 1988. He graduated from One Stop Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky as an Armor Crewman, 19K.

CSM Leija's duty positions include, CSM, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, CSM, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Senior Military Instructor at the University of South Alabama, A Troop, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, First Sergeant, D Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 7th Army Training Command (ATC), First Sergeant, Operations Group, Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Observer/Controller, C Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 1st Armor Division, Platoon Sergeant/First Sergeant, E Company, 1st Battalion, 81st Armor, Drill Sergeant, D Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Section Sergeant, 7th ATC, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Tank Commander, F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tank Gunner.

CSM Leija's assignments have included Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Fort Campbell, Kentucky Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama. He served three overseas tours in Germany Aug 1988 - Nov 1991, Apr 1997 - Dec 1999 and Jul 2002 - Jul 2007. He deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom Apr 2003 - Jun 2004, Paktia Providence, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom VIII Mar 2008 - Mar 2009 and Nangahar Province, Afghanistan Operation Freedom's Sentinel 2015- 2016.

CSM Leija's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal with four Silver Loops, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with Bronze Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Bronze Numeral 6, NATO Medal with one Bronze Star, Army Superior Unit Award, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Drivers Badge, and the German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge (Bronze).