



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RUSSELL (RUSS) A. HAMILTON

CSM Hamilton entered active duty with the US Army on 25 July 1986 at Fort Knox, Kentucky as an Armored Crewman. CSM Hamilton spent nearly 16 years in the Active Army, serving as a crewmember on the M60A3, M1, M1A1, and M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks. CSM Hamilton held key duty positions in the armor branch, including Tank Commander, Section Sergeant, Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, Master Gunner Instructor, and Security Assistance Team Advisor. His duty assignments include: 1st BN 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey Korea; 1st BN 77th Armor, and 2nd BN 77th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson CO; 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry, and 2nd BN 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; the US Army Armor Center and School, Fort Knox, KY; US Army Gunnery Advisor to the Royal Saudi Land Forces in Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO.

In 2002, CSM Hamilton entered the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) program with the Colorado Army National Guard. From 2003 to 2009 he was assigned to the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), where he served as a Missile Defense Element crewmember, Brigade Master Evaluator, and Brigade Operations Sergeant Major. In June 2009, CSM Hamilton was re-assigned as the G-1 Sergeant Major for the Colorado Army National Guard. CSM Hamilton served as the Command Sergeant Major of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) from 1 November 2010 to 27 February 2014, and on 1 March 2014 CSM Hamilton assumed responsibility as the State Command Sergeant Major of the Colorado Army National Guard.

CSM Hamilton's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 1 silver and 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze service star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral "4", Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral "2", Space Operations Badge (Senior), and the Army Recruiter Badge. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, and an Honorary Sergeant Audie Murphy Club member.

CSM Hamilton's military education includes: the United States Army Sergeants Major Course, Brigade Pre-Command and Command Sergeants Major Course, US Army War College-Executive Leader Course, National Defense University-Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, USNORTHCOM Joint Task Force Commander's Training Course and Joint Domestic Operations Course, National Security Space Institute Space 200 Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Abrams Master Gunner Course, Army Instructor Training Course, and the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Operator Basic and Advanced Courses.

CSM Hamilton has an Associate of General Studies Degree from Central Texas College, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College.