

BIOGRAPHY

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR SILVESTER TATUM

Command Sergeant Major Silvester Tatum is a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard under the 155th Armor Bridge Combat Team, where he is currently assigned as the Command Sgt. Maj. for the 155th, the Senior Advisor. Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum has completed two deployments. His last deployment was with the 210th Financial Management Company as the Senior Financial Operation Advisor in Kuwait from July 2009 through July 2010. His first deployment was with the 1-155th Infantry Battalion in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF III) January 2005 through December 2005. During this deployment he was assigned as the 1st Sgt with Alpha Company 1-155th Infantry Battalion.

Prior to Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum's second deployment with the 210th Financial Management Company, he served as the State Noncommissioned Officer In Charge from August 2007 - September 2015 for all Pre-Mob Training for the Mississippi Guard and he was successful in documenting and monitoring all Pre-Mob Training and securing Units final validation before deploying to a Mobilization Station.

Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum is a 1981 graduate of Rolling Fork High School and has a Bachelor of Science Major in Multidisciplinary Studies from Grantham University. He is a 2008 graduate of The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas. Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard on 12 December 1981. He attended Basic Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA where he received his primary MOS as an 11-Charlie (Mortar Man/Indirect Fire). Upon completion of Basic Training he returned to Company D, 2d Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment (2-198th) in Rolling Fork Mississippi, where he was assigned as a gunner in a mortar platoon. In 1985, his unit was cross leveled to an M60 tanks; subsequently in 1987 his units transitioned to a M1 Abram Tank Company where he was assigned as a Tank Gunner.

In December 1990, his unit was activated for a CONUS mission in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In October 1993, he was promoted to Sgt. 1st Class in Company D, 2d Battalion, 198th Armor Regiment in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. In March 2003, he was transferred to Troop C, 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment in Iuka Mississippi, where he was promoted to 1st Sgt. In August 2004, he was transferred to Company A, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment (1-155th). After redeployment, he was transferred to Headquarter Headquarters Company, 1-155th Infantry Battalion, in McComb, Mississippi. In November 2008, he was transferred to the 210th Financial Management Company as the Senior Financial Operation Sgt. Maj. in Jackson, Mississippi. During the Spring of 2013 The Department of the Army approved his package to be appointed to a Command Sgt. Maj. and on 18 October 2013 Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum was appointed and transferred to The 1st-155th Infantry Battalion as the Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. In August 2015, Command Sgt. Maj. Tatum was selected to be The 155th Armor Bridge Combat Team Command Sgt. Maj.

Military education:

United State Army Sergeant Major Course (2008)
Reserve Component Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course Phase IIB (1993)
Reserve Component Advanced Noncommissioned Office Course Phase II (1992)
Reserve Component Advanced Noncommissioned Office Course Phase I (1992)
Active Component Primary Leadership Development Course (1986)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Indirect Fire Infantry (December 1981) 1st Detachment Headquarter Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Rolling Fork Mississippi
2. Armor Crewman (April 1984) Delta Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Rolling Fork, Mississippi
3. Armor Crewman (October 1986) Delta Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Rolling Fork, Mississippi
4. Tank Commander (December 1990) Delta Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Rolling Fork, Mississippi
5. Platoon Sergeant (September 1993) Delta Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Rolling Fork, Mississippi
6. Platoon Sergeant (December 2002) Bravo Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Indianola, Mississippi
7. First Sergeant (March 2003) Charlie Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Luka, Mississippi
8. First Sergeant (June 2004) Bravo Company 2nd 198th Armor Battalion in Indianola, Mississippi
9. First Sergeant (August 2004) Alpha Company 1st 155th Infantry Battalion in Tylertown, Mississippi
10. First Sergeant (Active Duty Operation Iraqi Freedom III 2005) Alpha Company 1st 155th Infantry Battalion in Tylertown, Mississippi
11. First Sergeant (March 2006) Headquarter Headquarters Company 1st 155th Infantry Battalion in McComb, Mississippi
12. Sergeant Major (November 2008) the 210th Financial Management Company in Jackson, Mississippi
13. Sergeant Major (Active Duty Operation Iraqi Freedom 2009-2010) the 210th Financial Management Company in Jackson, Mississippi
14. Command Sergeant Major (October 2013) 1st 155th Infantry Battalion in McComb, Mississippi
15. Command Sergeant Major (August 2015) the 155th Armor Bridge Combat Team Command Sergeant Major in Tupelo, Mississippi

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Army Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
National Defense Service with 1 Silver Star
Iraq Campaign Medal W/2 Star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Force Reserve Medal with Gold Hour Glass, M Device and 2
Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Medal with 4

Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon with 2
Combat Infantry Badge
Mississippi Magnolia Medal
Mississippi Commendation Medal
Mississippi Medal of Efficiency
Mississippi War Medal with 1 Bronze Star
Mississippi Emergence Service Medal
Mississippi Longevity Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

AFFILIATIONS:

Mississippi Rifle Association
Enlisted Association Mississippi National Guard
Pine Lake Church

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Private (PV1) 10 December 1981
Private (PV2)
Private First Class 2 April 1983
Specialist 15 April 1984
Sergeant 15 October 1986
Staff Sergeant 27 November 1990
Sergeant First Class 16 October 1993
First Sergeant 26 March 2003
Command Sergeant Major 28 March 2009
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