



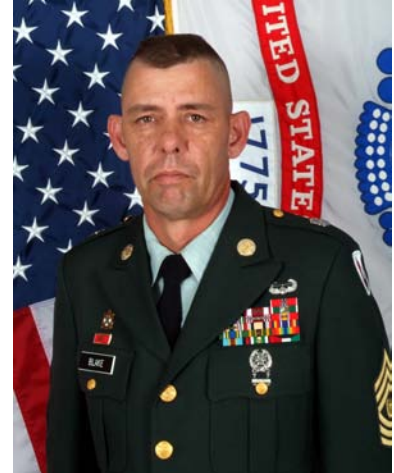
# ***Biography***

**U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND**

## **COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR STEPHEN D. BLAKE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**

CSM Stephen D. Blake serves as Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC), a position he has held since June 2008. As Command Sergeant Major, CSM Blake serves as the primary advisor to the ASC Commanding General on all matters pertaining to enlisted personnel assigned to the Command, particularly in areas related to their training and development and to the quality of life and well-being of Soldiers and their families. CSM Blake also responds to the concerns of civilian and contractor employees of the Command, and performs community outreach activities.

During his career, CSM Blake has served in a number of key enlisted leadership positions. He has completed overseas tours in Germany and Korea, as well as a combat tours in Southwest Asia during both Operations Desert Shield / Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



CSM Blake entered the Army in February 1982 and completed basic and advanced individual training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. During his career, he has served with units including the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 2nd Armored Division (Forward), and the 19th Theater Support Command, and in positions such as supply sergeant, platoon sergeant, motor sergeant, and S-4 and G-3 non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC). He has served as Command Sergeant Major of 626th Brigade Support Battalion of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team (Rakkasans), the 101st Sustainment Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and the 101st Joint Logistics Command of Combined Joint Task Force 101 at Bagram, Afghanistan. CSM Blake is a Distinguished Member of the 3rd Brigade, 187th Infantry Regiment (Rakkasans).

In 2003, CSM Blake graduated from Class 53 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. His military training and education also includes the Air Assault School, Primary Leadership Development Course, and First Sergeants Course. He was named as the distinguished graduate from his class in both the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course and Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course. CSM Blake holds an Associates Degree in Business Management from Excelsior College.

CSM Blake's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star (three awards); the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards); the Army Commendation Medal (nine awards); the Army Achievement Medal (nine awards); the Good Conduct Medal (eight awards); the National Defense Service Medal with Star; the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three stars; the Iraq, Afghanistan, Global War on Terrorism, and Korean Defense service medals; the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral Four; the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral Three; the NATO Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medals from the governments of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; the Air Assault Badge; and three Meritorious Unit Commendations. He is also a recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.