

CSM Raymond Belk Biography

Command Sergeant Major Raymond Belk was born in Wurzburg, Germany and was raised in El Paso, Texas. He enlisted in the United States Army on 29 August 1997. He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss, Texas where he was awarded the MOS of 14T (Patriot Missile Crew Member). He is married to the former Gloria Orduno from Leipsic, Ohio who is a retired U.S Army First Sergeant. They have two children, Raymond J. Belk Jr. and Dominik J. Belk.

His assignments include: 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Osan, Korea; 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; 32nd Army and Air Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Okinawa, Japan; 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Ansbach, Germany; and 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas.

He has served in every leadership position that includes Brigade Command Sergeant Major; Battalion Command Sergeant Major; Battalion Operations Sergeant Major; HHB First Sergeant; Patriot Battery First Sergeant; Operations Noncommissioned Officer; Platoon Sergeant; Noncommissioned Officer Instructor (PLDC); Launcher Section Sergeant; and Assistant Launcher Section Sergeant. His deployments and operations include: "Operation Forward Presence", "Operation Enduring Freedom", "Operation Iraqi Freedom", and "Operation Spartan Shield".

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (7th Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2-Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Medal (Numeral 5), Overseas Service Ribbon (5 Tours), Army Service Ribbon, Drivers Badge (W), Air Assault Badge, and the German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge (Bronze), Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Army Meritorious Unit Award.

He is a member of the Honorable Order of St. Barbara and the Prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

His military education includes the United States Sergeants Major Academy (Class 67), First Sergeant Course, Master Resiliency Trainers Course, Battle Staff Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Unit Victim Advocate Course, Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Equal Opportunity Representative Course, Air Assault School, and the Rappel Master Course.