

## **Command Sergeant Major James Rutherford**

Command Sergeant Major James Rutherford was born in Mobile, Alabama, and graduated from Mary G. Montgomery High School, Semmes, AL, in 2000. In 2000, he joined the U.S. Army and attended one station unit training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Following completion of OSUT with Company A, 787th Military Police Battalion, he served in assignments overseas and stateside, including the 557th Military Police Company, Camp Humphreys, Korea; 55th Military Police Company, Yongsan, Korea; 6th Military Police Detachment, Fort Novosel, AL; Company D, 701st Military Police Battalion, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX; Company A, 701st Military Police Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42D Military Police Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; 66th Military Police Company, 504th Military Police Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; the Protective Services Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; 58th Military Police Company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence NCO Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Military Police Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; and HHD 728th Military Police Battalion.



His duty positions include: Gunner, Driver, Team Leader, Special Reaction Team Member, Special Reaction Team Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Narcotics Patrol Dog Handler, Explosive Patrol Dog Handler, Military Working Dog Trainer, DOD Military Working Dog Instructor, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, Threat Vulnerability NCO, Platoon Sergeant, Personal Security Detachment NCOIC, Detachment Sergeant, First Sergeant, NCOA Course Chief, Class 70 Sergeants Major Course Student, Operations Sergeant Major, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Rutherford's formal military training consists of the Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Drill Sergeant School, Combatives Level 1, Combatives Level 2, Combat Life Savers Course, Military Working Dog Patrol Handlers Course, Military Working Dog Kennel Masters Course, Conventional Physical Security Course, Anti-Terrorism Officer Basic Course, Special Reaction Team Course, Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor Course, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Basic Swat Course, Unit Armorer Training, Total Army Instructor Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, FBI's Counter Assault Training Course, Company Commander and First Sergeants Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, the Federal Law

Enforcement Firearms Instructor Course through FLETC, Battalion Pre-Command and Command Sergeant Major Course, Jungle Operations Training Course, and the Brigade Pre-Command and Command Sergeant Major Course.

CSM Rutherford has graduated on the commandant's list in BLC, ALC, SLC, and the SGM-C. He was named the SGT Michael A. Grieves Leadership Awardee for ALC class 01-07 and was the Leadership Awardee for Drill Sergeant School class 17-08. CSM Rutherford has his associate degree in instructor of technology and military science from the Community College of the Air Force, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with an emphasis in homeland security (Summa Cum Laude) from Purdue University Global, and a master's degree in defense and strategic studies from the University of Texas, El Paso.

CSM Rutherford's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO ISAF Medal, Drivers Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Basic Instructor Badge and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

CSM Rutherford is married to the former Danielle Marie Berdine of Fort Liberty, NC. He has three children, Adalyn Marie Rutherford, 13, Aiden James Matthew Rutherford, 10, and Alyssa Marie Rutherford, who passed away at less than a month old on Sept. 10, 2009. CSM Rutherford and Danielle founded Hold My Heart Foundation in 2010, which supports Families with children in the neonatal intensive care unit.