

## **Command Sergeant Major John A. Bamba Sr.**

Command Sergeant Major Bamba is a descendent of the Northern Mariana Islands. He enlisted in the United States Army in August 1996 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) in Delta Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 31<sup>st</sup> FA Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was awarded the MOS 13B- Cannon Crewmember. His assignments include: Service Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 377<sup>th</sup> FAR (AASLT), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Charlie BTRY, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 17<sup>th</sup> FA, Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea; Alpha BTRY, 3<sup>rd</sup> BN, 7<sup>th</sup> FAR, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Bravo BTRY, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 15<sup>th</sup> FA, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; Alpha BTRY, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 78<sup>th</sup> FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Alpha BTRY, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 22<sup>nd</sup> FA and Foxtrot BTRY, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 19<sup>th</sup> FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Alpha/Bravo/HHB 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 7<sup>th</sup> FAR, Fort, Riley Kansas; University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 18<sup>th</sup> FAR, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 79<sup>th</sup> FA (Basic Combat Training) and JRMC Vampire Team and 75<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. CSM Bamba currently serves as the United States Army Field Artillery School Command Sergeant Major.

His military education includes: Primary, Basic, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Sergeants Major Course Class, Red Team Course, Cadre/Faculty Development Course, Foundation Instructor Facilitator Course, Asymmetric Warfare Group- Observer, Trainer, Mentor (OTM) Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Course, First Sergeant and Company Commanders Course, Field Artillery Master Gunner Course, Master Resilience Training Course, Combatives Course (Level 1 and 2), Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Drill Sergeant Course, Army Retention Course, Air Assault course, Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course and the Senior Officer Legal Orientation Course. CSM Bamba holds an Associate's Degree from Upper Iowa University, Bachelor of Science Degree from Upper Iowa University, and a Master of Arts Degree from University of Louisville in Higher Education Administration.

CSM Bamba's award and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (1OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1SLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (9 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (silver 2 loops), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 6), Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Master Gunner Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Drivers Badge (T and W). CSM Bamba is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and a member of the Order of Saint Barbara.

CSM Bamba has held numerous staff and leadership positions including Brigade Command Sergeant Major, Vampire OC/T, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Operations Sergeant Major, Senior Military Science Instructor, Battery First Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, Chief of Firing Battery, Personal Security Detachment (PSD) Platoon Leader, Senior Drill Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Section Chief, and Gunner.

CSM Bamba is currently married to Anginette Mendiola and resides in Lawton, Oklahoma. Their children are +Chanelle Mendiola, Chadd Mendiola, Chanoa Mendiola, Chantasia Mendiola, Joshua Bamba, John Bamba Jr, and Jaychris Bamba