

Sergeant Major Ralph Martinez

Chaplain Corps Regimental Sergeant Major

Sergeant Major Ralph Martinez was born 16 August 1968 in Augusta, Georgia. He entered the Army from his childhood home of Sugar Land, Texas on 8 August 1988. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and concluded initial entry training with the Chaplain Assistant Advance Individual Training Course at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.



Sergeant Major Martinez's assignments as a chaplain assistant include duty in the 557th United States Army Artillery Group, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Herborn-Seelbach, Federal Republic of Germany; 120th AG (Reception) Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 1st Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 5th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 2nd Infantry (M) Division, Camp Pelham, Republic of Korea; 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry (M) Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; 3rd Infantry (M) Division Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia; 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; United States National Support Team-Sarajevo, Bosnia; 82nd Airborne Division Chaplain's Office, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Enlisted Training Division, United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; ANCOC SGL and Sr ANCOC SGL, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Headquarters, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Florida; Headquarters, United States European Command, Stuttgart Germany; Headquarters, Command Group, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; United States Army Africa Command/Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy and United States Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, NC. SGM Martinez served 5 tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, in addition to deployment in Operation Joint Forge.

Sergeant Major Martinez is a graduate of the Executive Leaders Course, Sergeants Major Course, Class 63, Advance Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, First Sergeant's Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Sergeant Major Force Management Course, Chaplaincy Resource Manager Course, Basic Airborne Course, Instructor Training Course and Small Group Instructor Training Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5), Army Achievement Medal (9), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Star), Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Course (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Joint Unit Meritorious Award (3), Army Meritorious Unit Citation Ribbon, Army Superior Unit Award, Parachutist Badge, Driver's Badge and Marksmanship Pistol Badge.

Sergeant Major Martinez and his wife Laura were married on 18 November 1989. They have one daughter, Sarah and one son, Nicholas.