



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICHARD D. STIDLEY
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Command Sergeant Major Richard D. Stidley, a native of Bridgewater, Va., entered the U.S. Army in June 1979 as a utility helicopter repairman. He has served in numerous noncommissioned officer leadership positions throughout his career, including squad leader, section leader, platoon sergeant, company first sergeant, battalion operations sergeant, battalion command sergeant major and brigade command sergeant major.

CSM Stidley's stateside assignments include Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. His overseas assignments and deployments include Grenada, Panama, Germany, Egypt, Korea (three tours), Bosnia (two tours), Kuwait (Operation Enduring Freedom), Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom I, III and V) and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom X).

CSM Stidley has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, including the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and Command Sergeants Major Course. His military education includes Air Assault School, Master Fitness Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Army Recruiter Course and Army Aviation Accident Prevention Course. He holds an Associate of Arts in General Studies from Central Texas College.

CSM Stidley's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with six oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (eight awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (two awards), Iraq Campaign Medal (two awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (two awards), Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (five awards), NATO Meritorious Service Medal, NATO Medal (two awards), Multinational Forces and Observers Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Army Master Aircraft Crewman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Recruiter Badge and German Army Marksmanship Badge (silver). He has also been awarded the Silver Honorable Order of Saint Michael by the Army Aviation Association of America for his significant contributions to the promotion of Army aviation.

CSM Stidley is married and has three children.