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SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL

## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LEDFORD “JR” STIGALL

### Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major Ledford “JR” Stigall is a native of Williamson, Ky., and was born on May 26, 1964. He enlisted in the Army on Nov. 21, 1981, and attended Infantry One Station Unit Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

In CSM Stigall’s 29 years of service, he has served in leadership positions from fire team leader to group command sergeant major in both Infantry and Special Forces units. His first unit of assignment was the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., where he served as a machine gunner, fire team leader and squad leader. In the 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii, he served as a scout squad leader and platoon sergeant before joining Special Forces. Since graduating from the Special Forces Qualification Course, he served with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group as a weapons sergeant and intelligence sergeant, with the Special Warfare Center and School as the senior instructor and first sergeant for the Special Forces Underwater Operations center in Key West, Fla., as an ODA team sergeant in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), company and operations sergeant major in the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the J-3 Operations sergeant major of Special Operations Command South, in Puerto Rico. Following his assignment in Puerto Rico, he served as the company sergeant major for the Special Forces Underwater Operations center in Key West, and upon appointment to command sergeant major in 2004; he was assigned as the battalion command sergeant major for the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). In 2007, Command Sgt. Maj. Stigall was again assigned to the Special Warfare Center and School as the command sergeant major of 2nd Battalion, the Advanced Skills Battalion. Stigall also served as the first command sergeant major of the Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne) before assuming responsibility for the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Most recently, Stigall served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan.

His military training includes Airborne, Ranger, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Marine Amphibious Reconnaissance Swimmer, Special Forces, Combat Diver and Dive Supervisor, Military Freefall, Army Sniper, Static Line Jump Master, SERE Level-C, Advanced and Senior Leaders Courses, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course and the Sergeants Major Academy. He holds a bachelor’s degree in education and is enrolled in a master’s of education degree program with Liberty University.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal (ninth award), National Defense Service Medal (second award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (third award), Southwest Asian Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two stars, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, Korean Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (fourth award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (third award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak-leaf clusters, Army Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge (second award) and Master Parachutist Wings.



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