

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**Command Sergeant Major
Jeffrey W. Wright
U.S. Army, Retired**

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Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Jeffrey W. Wright was born in Lawton, Oklahoma. He entered the United States military in 1984, serving as a rifleman in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Fort Meyer, Virginia; then as a Squad Leader, 325th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He graduated the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1990 as a weapons sergeant. He served with 1st Bn., 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) for 10 years, and was selected over his peers to serve as a Senior Career Advisor, Career Management Field 18, at Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia. After attending the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, he served as the Company Sergeant Major for Co. B, 3rd Battalion, 3SFG(A), and Company Sergeant Major for Co. F, 1st Bn., 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

Command Sgt. Maj. Wright served as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Bn., 7th SFG(A), with a follow-on assignment as the Command Sergeant Major for a Special Operations Task Force-Eastern Afghanistan. His next assignment was as Group Command Sergeant Major, 3rd SFG(A). While deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, he managed more than 9,000 U.S. and NATO service members in Afghanistan. He also directed the care of more than 100 wounded Soldiers and the families of those killed in action.

The U.S. Army continued to see potential in Command Sgt. Maj. Wright and gave him multiple senior advisor roles throughout the full spectrum of military operations. He deployed again and served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor, Special Operations Joint Task Force –Afghanistan from July of 2012 to July 2013. Command Sgt. Maj. Wright was hand selected to be one of 23 senior leaders to establish the first-ever division level Special Operations Joint Task Force in Afghanistan. He performed duties as the Command Sergeant Major of a 13,000 person U.S. and NATO Joint Special Operations Command.

He then returned CONUS and served as the Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Combined Arms Center from September 2013 to November 2014. In this unique position, he performed duties as the Command Sergeant Major of a 12,000-person academic institution. His final assignment was as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Special Operations Command from November 2014 to April 2017. At JSOC, he performed duties as the Command Sergeant Major of 16,000 personnel.

Following his retirement, he served within the 1st Special Forces Command G3, where he synchronized training readiness with allocated resources. Command Sgt. Maj. Wright now works at the Joint Improvised Threat Defeat Organization to continue support to contingency operations. Command Sgt. Maj. Wright also advises the JIEDDO Director on integration and support to special operations forces operations.

Command Sgt. Maj. Wright's awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak-leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead Device and one star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, UN Medal, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge with star, Master Parachutist Badge with bronze star, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Wings and Special Forces Tab.

Command Sgt. Maj. Wright is married to the former Tina Grace Martin and they have two children and reside in Fayetteville, North Carolina.