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## Sergeant Major Jelani A. Edwards

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Sergeant Major Jelani A. Edwards joined the Army Dec. 1, 1994, in Aberdeen, Maryland. He attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty of 13E, cannon fire direction specialist.



Edwards' assignments include cannon fire direction specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany; chief fire direction specialist, Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; drill sergeant, Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; drill sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery Training Center, Fort Sill; senior drill sergeant, Delta Company, 95th Replacement Detachment, Fort Sill; senior fire control NCO/platoon sergeant, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg; first sergeant, Delta Battery, 26th Field Artillery (Target Acquisition Battery), 18th Fires Brigade, Fort Bragg; first sergeant, Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Fires Brigade, Fort Bragg; senior military instructor, Johns Hopkins University, 4th Brigade Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Baltimore, Maryland; student at the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, Class 65, Fort Bliss, Texas; command sergeant major, Field Artillery Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany; Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, and later as the Division Artillery Command Sergeant Major for 4th Infantry Division as well.

Edwards' awards and decorations include, the Legion of Merit Medal; Bronze Star Medal with an oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal with "C" device and five oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars; Iraq Campaign Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a bronze star; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal (eight awards); NCO Professional Development Ribbon with the numeral five; Overseas Service Ribbon with oak leaf cluster; Drill Sergeant Identification Badge; Parachutist Badge; German Parachutist Wings; and Combat Action Badge.