



U.S. Army Combined Arms Center
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**Command Sergeant Major
Shawn F. Carns**

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Command Sergeant Major Shawn F. Carns enlisted in the Army in July 1992 as an Infantryman from Indiana, PA. After completion of Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Moore, GA, he was assigned to 2-5 Calvary, Fort Cavazos, TX.

CSM Carns has served in every key leadership position in the Infantry from Team Leader to CSM. His first assignment was 2- 5 Calvary, Fort Cavazos, TX; he served as a Team Leader and Squad Leader in 1-325 Air, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Long Range Surveillance Team Leader, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, South, Korea; Ranger Instructor at 4th Ranger Training Battalion, Fort Moore, Georgia; Platoon Sergeant, 1-8 Infantry, Fort Carson, Colorado. CSM Carns participated in three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon graduation from the Sergeants Major Course, CSM Carns served as the Operations Sergeant Major for 1-503rd, 173rd Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy; in which he deployed to Afghanistan from Jun 2012 to Feb 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2014 he was selected as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major for 3-15 Infantry, Fort Stewart, Georgia. In June 2016 he was selected as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for Joint Task Force-B in Honduras, then assigned as the Command Sergeant Major Development Program (CSMDP) Lead at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon departing Fort Leavenworth, KS, Command Sergeant Major Carns served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa followed by the 2ID CSM.

CSM Carns' military education includes all Noncommissioned Officer Education system courses. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy (Non Resident 39), Nominative Leaders and Keystone Course. His additional military training includes Ranger School, Airborne School, Jump- master, Pathfinder, Air Movement Operations, Instructor/Facilitator course and Battle Staff. CSM Shawn F. Carns also received a Bachelor's of Business Leadership (Management) in June 2019 from Trident University.

CSM Carns' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal - 10th Award, National Defense Service Medal - 2nd Award, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/2 stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon – 5th Award, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon – 6th Award, NATO Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutists Badge and South Korean Jump Wings.

CSM Carns is married to Theresa Carns and have two children Megan and Matthew.

