

CSM Wade enlisted in the Army in August of 1995 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has deployed numerous times to the middle east in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Intrinsic Action, and the Horn of Africa. CSM Wade was decorated with the Bronze Star for his leadership during operations in Baghdad, Iraq.

He served in 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, both 1-81 Armor Battalion and 3-81 Armor Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (1-5 CAV), 1<sup>st</sup> Army (ACRC) as an Instructor at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. CSM Wade performed his duties as a Company First Sergeant in the First Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas prior to becoming the senior enlisted instructor at the University of South Carolina in 2016. He attended the Sergeants Major Academy in 2017-2018. CSM Wade also served in 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain (Fort Polk, La) as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron-89<sup>th</sup> CAV Operations Sergeant Major. He has participated in several rotations at NTC, and JRTC. CSM Wade's most recent assignment was the 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade's Operations Sergeant Major.

CSM Wade's military and civilian education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System and the Tank Master Gunner Course. He is a graduate of Class 68 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. CSM Wade previously attended the CSM Development Program at Fort Jackson, Sc, and the Battalion Pre-Command Course at Fort Leavenworth, Ks.

CSM Wade's awards include Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Over Seas Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, and the Order of Saint George.

CSM Wade is married to the former Evette Sanders. They have two children one son Kyle and daughter Kaitlyn.