## CSM COUTURIER BIOGRAPHY



CSM Couturier was born and raised in Layton, Utah. He joined the Army October 29, 2002, and attended Infantry One Station Unit Training at Ft. Benning, GA. CSM Couturier is a graduate of the Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Maneuver Senior Leader Course, Ranger Indoctrination Program and Ranger Assessment and Selection Phase 2, Ranger Course, Airborne Course Jumpmaster, and Capabilities Developers 101. He is a graduate of the Non-Resident Sergeant Major Course CL# 47(Class 71 aligned). He recently graduated from the Battalion Pre-Command Course in preparation to assume responsibilities as the CSM of the 1/507th Basic Airborne Course.

CSM Couturier's assignments include: C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served in every Rifle Platoon duty position from Assistant Gunner to Weapons Squad Leader; 75th Ranger Regimental Headquarters S-8, where he served as the Solider Survival Systems Commodity Manager; B Co., 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a Platoon Sergeant; 2-3 IN, 1-2 SBCT serving as the Bravo Company First Sergeant. He then followed with an assignment as the Bravo Company, 3d Ranger BN Company First Sergeant and S3 Operations NCO. CSM Couturier served as the Deputy Commandant of the NCO Academy on Ft. Moore, GA, and most recently served as the Office Chief of Infantry SGM for the last 27 months.

CSM Couturier deployed a total of 14 times, with 11 deployments in support of both Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (6 deployments) and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (5 deployments) with C Co., 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He deployed in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL with B Co., 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and twice with B Co., 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

CSM Couturier's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal w/ "V" Device, Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Marine Corp Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Achievement ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Good conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Service Medal w/ five Campaign Stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ four Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 3), NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge

He is married to the former Nikki Upham of Stuart, FL and they have three children: Owen, Emma, and Jacob. They currently reside in Cataula, Ga outside Fort Moore, in Harris County.