

## Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey J. Mellinger



Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey J. Mellinger assumed the duties as the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Command Sergeant Major on Nov. 2, 2007, and retired on 31 December 2011 with nearly 40 years of continuous active duty. CSM Mellinger was previously assigned to the U.S. Army Alaska and spent several months speaking to units and groups on his experiences in Iraq.

CSM Mellinger was drafted on April 18, 1972, at Eugene, Oregon. Following basic and advanced training at Fort Ord, California, he completed airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany as a unit clerk. Upon his return from Germany, CSM Mellinger was assigned to the 2d Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington. For the next five years, CSM Mellinger served as unit clerk, battalion personnel staff NCO, machinegun squad leader, rifle squad leader, rifle platoon sergeant and weapons platoon leader.

He then performed drill sergeant duty at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and returned to the 2nd Ranger Battalion, serving again as a platoon sergeant.

Additional assignments include: Special Forces Military Freefall Instructor, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; senior team leader, 75th Ranger Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment, Fort Benning, Georgia; Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Alaska-Fairbanks; First Sergeant, Company C (Airborne), 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry (Manchu), Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Senior Enlisted Advisor, 41st Separate Infantry Brigade, Oregon Army National Guard; Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Commandant, U.S. Army Alaska Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Japan and 9th Theater Support Command, Camp Zama, Japan; Command Sergeant Major, First U.S. Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia; and Command Sergeant Major, Multi-National Force-Iraq from August 2004-May 2007.

CSM Mellinger's military education includes: Commandant's List, NCO Basic Course; Ranger School; Jumpmaster School; Jungle Expert School; FBI Crisis Reaction Course; Military Freefall Course; Drill Sergeant's Course; Commandant's List and Honor Graduate, NCO Advanced Course; Instructor Training Course; Military Freefall Jumpmaster Course; Commandant's List, Sergeants Major Course Class 37; and the Command Sergeants Major Course.

CSM Mellinger's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2d award), Bronze Star Medal with V, Meritorious Service Medal (8<sup>th</sup> award), Army Commendation Medal (7<sup>th</sup> award), Army Achievement Medal (4<sup>th</sup> award), Army Good Conduct Medal (13<sup>th</sup> award), Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 8, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, Ranger Tab, Drill Sergeant Badge, Combat Action Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (4), Army Superior Unit Award (4), Canadian Commando Parachute Badge,

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Royal Thai Parachute Badge, and Malaysian Parachute Badge. CSM Mellinger is a member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, a Distinguished Member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, and has been presented the Order of Saint Maurice (Primicerius), the Order of the Combat Spur, the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the General Brehon B. Somervell Medal of Excellence. He has more than 33 hours of accumulated freefall in more than 3,700 jumps, and is a FAA Master Parachute Rigger.

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