

CSM Luis Ortiz Escalera

Command Sgt. Major Luis Ortiz Escalera is a native of Barranquitas, Puerto Rico. He enlisted in the Army, attended Basic Training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, and was awarded the MOS 92A (Automated Logistician). He has a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership Workforce Development from Excelsior College.

He has held a myriad of leadership positions from Squad Leader to Battalion Command Sergeant Major. His assignments include 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Osan Air Base, South Korea; 5th Psychological Operations Battalion, (PSYOPS), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Yongsan-gu, South Korea; U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Hawaii; 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 277th Aviation Support Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy and Consulate, Panama; Group Support Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Eglin Air Base, Florida; Army Liaison Element, 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne), Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX; and 16th Sustainment Brigade, Smith Barracks, Germany. CSM Ortiz operation and combat deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2005 and Panama 2016-2017.

CSM Ortiz's military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Airborne School, Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced Course, Standard Army Retail Supply System, Contracting Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Basic Instructor Training Course, Sling Load Inspector Course, Air Assault School, SHARP Certification Course, Battle Staff Course, Global Combat Support System Course, Rifle Marksmanship Instructor Course, Unit Movement Officer Course, Security Assistance Course, Non-Standard Logistics Course, and Theater Special Operations Course. He is a graduate of Class 71 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (7th award), Army Achievement Medal (5th award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 6), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Superior Unit Award. CSM Ortiz also holds the Basic Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drivers Badge (wheel), German Parachute Badge, Mexican Parachute Badge, and Chilean Parachute Badge.

CSM Ortiz is married to Marimer Sierra Marrero and they have two daughters and son.