

**CSM Burke K. Bates III**  
**Command Sergeant Major**  
**16th Special Troops Battalion**

Command Sergeant Major Burke K. Bates III entered the Army on 28 August 1997. He completed Basic Training at Fort Sill Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss Texas in October of 1997, and was awarded the MOS 14S (Avenger Crew Member). In the spring of 2001 he re-classed and was awarded his second MOS (92Y) Unit Supply Specialist. CSM Bates has held duties of increasing responsibilities ranging from an Avenger Crew Member, Avenger Crew Member Team Chief, Supply Sergeant, Instructor Writer, Senior Instructor.

Writer, Observer Controller, Senior Supply Sergeant, Military Transition Team Senior Logistics Advisor, Brigade S4 NCOIC, Distribution Management Center NCOIC, First Sergeant, DIV G4 Supply and Services SGM and DIV G4 SGM. CSM Bates assignments include Delta Company 244th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; HHC 3rd Brigade 505th PIR Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 244th Quartermaster School Center Fort Lee, Virginia; 97th Civil Affairs Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 19th Expeditionary Support Command Republic of Korea; HHC 4th Brigade Combat Team Fort Bragg, North Carolina; HHBN 18th Field Artillery Brigade Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 135th Forward Support Company Fort Bragg, North Carolina and 101ST Airborne Division Headquarters Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His deployments include Operation Enduring and Operation Iraqi Freedom II, IV, V, Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. He is currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major for the 16th Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion and has been assigned since September of 2020. His Military education includes Warrior Leader Course (WLC); Advanced Leader Course (ALC); Senior Leader Course; (SLC) Instructor Training Course; Small Group Leader Instructor Course (SGL); Demonstrated Senior Logistics Course (DSL); Basic Airborne Course; Pathfinder Course; Air Assault Course; Master Resiliency Training (MRT) and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 68). His civilian education includes an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Troy University, He is also a graduate of the University of Maryland where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Supply Chain Management.

CSM Bates awards and decorations include: Bronze Star (1); Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award); Army Commendation Medal (5th Award); Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award); Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award); Joint Meritorious Award; Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal (2nd Award); Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terror Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (w/Numeral 5); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (3); Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge; Pathfinder Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is also the recipient of the Order of Saint Barbara.

CSM Bates is married to the former Dr. Cassandra Bouknight of Detroit MI and has two sons Master Anthony and Sincere.