

**Command Sergeant Major
CSM Vantha Chhim**



CSM Chhim was born in Battambang, Cambodia. During the Vietnam War and Khmer Rouge era, CSM Chhim's family became displaced and spent 4 years in a Thai refugee camp. They finally immigrated to America in 1987 and settled in Modesto, California.

CSM Chhim enlisted into the Army 20 years ago and attended basic training in Fort Sill, OK. Upon graduation, he was assigned to HHC, 25BSB, 25ID in Fort Lewis, WA where he immediately deployed to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT). He served 6 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CSM Chhim's previous assignments include DMC SGM in the 21st STB, 21st TSC, TMCE SGM in 267th TMCE, DIB NCOIC in HHC, 3rd ESC in Fort Bragg, First Sergeant in HHC, 10th SG in Okinawa, JPN, Platoon Sergeant in S&D, GSB 1st SFG, SPO NCOIC in GSB, 1st SFG in Fort Lewis, USAOMS (A) in Washington D.C, Ranger Assessment and Selection Program (RASP 1) Cadre in RSTC, RSTB 75th RGR RGT, and TM LDR in E company, 2ND BN, 75th RGR RGT.

CSM Chhim's military education includes Sergeants Major Academy, Senior Leader Course, Advance Leader Course, Warrior Leader Course, U.S. Army Airborne Course, U.S. Army Air Assault Course, 75th Ranger Regiment Pre-Ranger Course, U.S. Army Ranger Course, U.S. Army Jump Master Course, Ranger Regiment Master Breacher Course, Overland Expert, Tactical Firearms Instructor Course, Modern Army Combative Program Level 4, Special Operations Combative Program Instructor Course, Advanced Land Navigation Course, Battle Staff, Advanced Force Protection in a Hostile Environment Course, Ranger Regiment Advanced Marksmanship Course, Vanguard Combative Applications Training Course, Surreptitious Entry Training, Defense Intelligence Enterprise Foreign Disclosure Officer Course, Master Driver Course, and Army Basic Instructor Course.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4th award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Ranger tab, Senior Parachutist badge, Air Assault badge, and Combat Action Badge. CSM Chhim has also been awarded the Transportation Corps Regimental Association - Saint Christopher.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership Workforce Development from Command and General Staff College and an Associates of Arts degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus. CSM Chhim has been married for 22 years and has three children. On his free time, he enjoys working out and spending time with his family.