

CSM Raska, Eric Biography

CSM Raska hails from Whitehouse, TX. He joined the Army and attended basic training in June of 2003. After completing basic training, CSM Raska attended and graduated Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal, AL and Eglin AFB, FL and earned the title of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician.

CSM Raska has held all key development positions from EOD team member to EOD Group Operations SGM. His previous duty assignments include; 716TH OD CO (EOD), Team Member and Team Leader; 75TH OD CO (EOD), Platoon Sergeant, Afghanistan Captured Material Exploitation Lab, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Lab NCOIC; 75TH OD CO (EOD), Company Operations NCO; Phase 1 EOD School, Instructor; TRADOC Capabilities Manager-EOD, Training Developer; 79TH OD BN (EOD), BN Operations NCO; 797TH OD CO (EOD), First Sergeant; HQ/E CO 73D OD BN, First Sergeant; 52D OD GP (EOD), Operations Sergeant Major, 184TH OD BN (EOD), Command Sergeant Major (Interim).

CSM Raska's awards and decorations include, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal 6OLC, Army Commendation Medal 5OLC, Army Achievement Medal 2OLC, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal 7TH Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal 1 Star, Iraq Campaign Medal 2 Stars, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal 1 Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon 5, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master EOD Badge, Senior Instructor Badge.

CSM Raska's military and civilian education includes, BN Pre-Command Course, all levels of NCO Professional Development Courses including the US Army Sergeants Major Academy (CL74), Battle Staff Course, Global Anti-Terrorism Operational Readiness Course, Systems Approach to Training Course; CSM Raska has also been inducted into the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe, and was selected as an FY24 Congressional Fellow; CSM Raska holds an Associates degree in EOD from American Military University (AMU), Bachelors degree in Government Security Management from AMU, and a Masters degree Leadership and Workforce Development from the University of Texas El Paso.

CSM Raska is married to the love of his life Katie Raska of 12 years. They have two children, daughter Sarah (11) and son Travis (9).