

CSM (Ret) Thomas J. Clark

CSM (R) Thomas J. Clark graduated from Columbia Montour Vocational-Technical School in 1980 and enlisted in the Army Signal Corps that same year. He served over 32 years in the Army, culminating his service as the U.S. Signal Regimental Command Sergeant Major.

He retired from active duty in March 2011 and now serves as a program manager for General Dynamics C4 Systems at Fort Gordon, Ga.

While in the Army CSM Clark rose through the ranks and held a variety of leadership positions in tactical Signal units in Korea, Germany, Iraq and the United States, including command sergeant major of one battalion and two brigades. As an NCO he was one of the most visible leaders

in the force, always at the tip of the spear with his Soldiers. He deployed twice, leading Soldiers in combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As the Signal Regimental Command Sergeant Major, he was the senior enlisted advisor to the Chief of Signal and Commanding General of Fort Gordon. He served in this position for over three years, traveling the globe, including frequent trips to Iraq and Afghanistan, educating and informing the Signal Regiment. He filled important roles in the development of doctrine, the strategic planning for future communications capabilities, and the professional education, training and leader development programs for the 60,000 communications and computer

operations personnel in the Active, Guard and Reserve Army.

As a program manager for General Dynamics, he serves as the primary liaison to the military and the Greater Augusta Community. In this role, he ensures world class professional training and education is provided to an average of 9,000 Soldiers each year. He directly interfaces with the Signal Center of Excellence on emerging learning strategies, operations goals, new equipment fielding and Chief of Signal objectives.

In addition to his extensive military education, he holds undergraduate degrees from Central Texas College and Excelsior College and earned a Masters Degree in post secondary adult education from Troy University.

For more than 30 years, CSM Clark has been an active member of the Armed Forces Communications And Electronics Association, The Association of the U.S. Army and the Army Signal Corps Regimental Association. He is an active volunteer in the community where he spearheaded one of the most successful Wounded Warrior Job Therapy Programs in the region in 2011 and 2012.

In honor of his extraordinary example of professionalism and service to the U.S. Army and the Signal corps, MG LaWarren V. Patterson, Chief of Signal, recognized CSM Thomas J. Clark as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.



MG LaWarren V. Patterson, Chief of Signal, with the assistance of CSM Ronald Pflieger, regimental command sergeant major, presents a certificate of induction as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment to CSM (R) Thomas J. Clark, during the 153rd Signal Regimental Ball held at the Augusta Marriott, June 22, 2013.

In his own words

"My name is Clark and I'm a husband, father, grandfather, but most of all, I'm a Soldier.

Like my father and his father before him, I joined the Army when I was 18 and got out when I was 50, so many memories and so many events have led to today.

This ceremony is comparable to having your jersey and number retired in professional sports. It would be cool for them to put rafters up in the Gordon club and watch it get hosted up there.

I want my jersey beside those of GEN Via, CSM Ray Lane and COL Pete Farrell. But we would be the first to say a Soldier never retires the jersey. Our jersey...that jersey belongs to America... the military is America's team.

So please re-issue my jersey because all the real heroes are still serving our country. A real Soldier never retires; we just help in different ways. We love our country now more than ever because we have the time to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many. Thank you General Via, for being the Signal Corps' first four-star; MG Patterson and CSM Pflieger for what you do for this post each and everyday, from standing at the gate at zero dark thirty in the morning to fighting for the post in Washington, D.C.

Thanks Mr. Pete Farrell for believing in me and last thanks to my beautiful wife Kandee



CSM Thomas J. Clark, a new inductee as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment, shares his insights during the 153rd Signal Regimental Ball held at the Augusta Marriott, June 22, 2013.

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