



Sergeant Major Aaron L. Prater

Signal School Sergeant Major

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Sergeant Major Aaron L. Prater is a native of Crystal River, Florida and entered the Army as a Single Channel Radio Operator in September of 1985. He completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Sergeant Major Prater has served in various positions throughout his career including Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, Detachment Communications Chief, First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, G6 Sergeant Major, Brigade S3 Sergeant Major, Command Sergeant Major, and currently serves as the US Army Signal School Sergeant Major.

His previous assignments include 7th Division Artillery, Fort Ord, CA; 293rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Baumholder, Germany; 442nd Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA; 551st Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA; Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; 86th Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; 440th Signal Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany; Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, HQ, 35th Signal Brigade, and 63rd Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA, including four combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Major Prater has attended and graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course and has graduated with honors from both the Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Courses. He is also a graduate of the Instructor Training Course, Equal Opportunity Leader's Course, Air Assault Course, Basic and Advanced Airborne Courses, First Sergeant Course, and graduated with honors from the US Army Sergeants Major Academy, class 61, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraqi



Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Assault Badge, and Senior Parachutist Badge.

Sergeant Major Prater holds an Associate of Applied Sciences in Computer Science from Hawaii Pacific University and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Excelsior College.