



U.S. Expeditionary Contracting Command Command Sergeant Major John L. Murray

Command Sergeant Major John L. Murray was born in Mobile, Alabama. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 on August 13, 1979, and completed basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, as a 05B (Radio Operator). CSM Murray has held duty positions as team chief through Command Sergeant Major.

He has been assigned to 1st BN 81st Field Artillery, Neu Ulm, Germany; 34th Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan.; Drill Sergeant, 5th Training Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J.; two tours with Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; 229th Signal Company, Camp Humphrey, Korea; 385th Signal Company, Camp Doha, Kuwait; 501st Signal Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky.; 44th Signal Battalion, Mannheim, Germany; 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany; 54th Signal Battalion, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 10th Signal Battalion, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 160th Signal Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort Gordon, Ga. He is currently the Command Sergeant Major for the Expeditionary Contracting Command.



CSM Murray's military schools include the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (Distinguished Graduate), Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (Distinguished Graduate, Leadership Award, Iron Sergeant), First Sergeant Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Course, Drill Sergeant Course, International Morse Code Course, Basic Airborne Course, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster Course, and the Air Assault Course. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems from Saint Leo University, Tampa, Fla.

CSM Murray has deployed in support of Operations Ernest Will (Kuwait), Just Cause (Panama), Desert Storm/Shield (Kuwait/Iraq), Joint Guard (Bosnia), Southern Watch (Saudi Arabia), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq).

CSM Murray's awards and citations include the Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (six oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (one bronze star), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Air Force Combat Ready Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral five), NATO medal, and Kuwait Liberation Medal (KSA). His badges include the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, and numerous foreign jump wings.

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