



U.S. Army Combined Arms Center
and Fort Leavenworth, KS

**Command Sergeant Major
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Command Sergeant Major Stephen H. Helton was born at Ft. Sill, OK. He joined the United States Army in 1990 from Los Angeles, CA and completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He completed Advanced Individual Training at Fort Rucker, AL. followed by airborne training at Fort Benning GA.



CSM Helton served in various leadership assignments beginning as a Scout Helicopter Squad Leader in B troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. CSM Helton then served as a Section Sergeant in B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY. In 1996, CSM Helton assessed for and was selected as a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, KY. He served as a Fully Mission Qualified MH-6 Light Assault Helicopter Crewchief and Section Sergeant in A Company, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (A). He later served as a Platoon Sergeant for A and F Company, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (A). After selection for promotion to MSG, CSM Helton transitioned to Korea where he served as a First Sergeant in C troop 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, D, and A Companies, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB), Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 2nd Infantry Division. Upon his return from Korea in 2009, CSM Helton was assigned as the First Sergeant, D Company, 1st ARB, CAB, 1st Infantry Division. While deployed to OIF in 2010, CSM Helton was assigned as the Senior Operations Sergeant for 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

In 2011, He was selected to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, TX and graduated on the Commandant's List from Class 62. He was immediately appointed to Command Sergeant Major and assigned as the CSM for 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. In January 2014, CSM Helton was selected to serve as the Command Sergeant Major for the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. In January 2016, CSM Helton returned to the Special Operations community as the Command Sergeant Major for U.S. Army Special Operation Aviation Command, USASOC, at Fort Bragg, NC. In January 2018, CSM Helton took over as the Command Sergeant Major for 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA. Following his Division CSM time, the SMA selected him to serve as the Chief of Sergeants Major Management Division, USAHRC, Fort Knox, KY. CSM Helton oversaw all Sergeant Major management until April 2021. Most recently, CSM Helton was selected to serve as the Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

CSM Helton has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Joint Special Operations University Summit Course, National Defense University Keystone Course, U.S. Army Nominative Leaders Course, Battalion and Brigade CSM Development Program, Sergeants Major Course, First Sergeants Course, EO Leaders Course, Unit Prevention Leaders Course, SERE Level-C, Special Operations Training Course, Air Assault School, and Airborne School. He has an Associates Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College. CSM Helton's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (10th AWD), National Defense Service Medal (2nd AWD), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 CS), Iraq Campaign Medal (4 CS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon

(Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Master Aviation Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), Honorable Order of St Michael (Silver Award), Honorable Order of St George (Bronze Award), Honorable Order of St Barbara, Foreign Parachutist Badge (Singapore).

CSM Helton is accompanied by his wife and son.