

CSM FINIS A. DODSON
Command Sergeant Major
USASMDC

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's CSM Finis A. Dodson, is a native of Olive Branch, Mississippi. He completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

CSM Dodson's duty positions and assignments include Stinger crew member, Fort Bliss, Texas; tactical control assistant, squad leader and senior maintenance mechanic, 5-7 Air Defense Artillery, Bitburg, Germany; instructor/writer, 3-6 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss; platoon sergeant, 1-43 Air Defense Artillery, South Korea; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course instructor, senior small group leader, operations sergeant, and chief of Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Bliss NCO Academy; first sergeant, 1-43 Air Defense Artillery, South Korea; first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss; Air Defense master evaluator and operations sergeant major, 31st Brigade, Fort Bliss; S2 sergeant major, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss; S3 operations sergeant major, 3-43 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss; command sergeant major, 1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Okinawa, Japan; command sergeant major, 69th Air Defense Artillery (Lightning) Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; command sergeant major, 35th Air Defense Artillery (Dragon) Brigade, South Korea; command sergeant major, 94th Army Air Missile Defense Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; Air Defense Artillery Branch Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (10th award), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (seventh award), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Global War on Terrorism medal, Army Senior Space Badge, and Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

CSM Dodson's military education includes Basic Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Instructor Training Course, Advanced Army Catalog Course, Equal Opportunity Course, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Course, First Sergeant Course, Sergeants Major Academy Class 56, CSM/SGM Executive Education Course (USAWC), United States Army Force Management Course, Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Course (14-2), CSM/SGM Legal Orientation Course, and Asia-Pacific Orientation Course.

He earned an associate degree from El Paso Community College, Texas. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Excelsior College, New York, and summa cum laude with a master's degree in education from Touro University, Nevada.

He is married, and they have two children.

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