



BIOGRAPHY

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COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICKY A MATTICKS

Command Sergeant Major Ricky A. Matticks enlisted in 295th Ammo Ordnance Company, United States Army Reserve, as the Unit Armorer in Hastings, Nebraska on March 11, 1986. He transferred to the Kansas Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery in 1989.

Matticks' duty assignments in the Kansas Army National Guard include fire direction specialist, fire direction center chief, howitzer gun chief, chief of smoke, battery first sergeant, operations sergeant major, and the battalion command sergeant major, all with the 1st Battalion, 161st FA. Matticks also served as the commandant for the 235th Regional Training Institute in Salina, Kansas, and the command sergeant major for the 235th Field Artillery Battalion. He is currently the command sergeant major for the 130th Field Artillery Brigade in Manhattan.



His military education includes Sergeants Major Academy (honor graduate), First Sergeant Course (honor graduate), Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (honor graduate), Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (honor graduate), and Primary Leadership Development Course (honor graduate), 13B Cannon Crewmember, 55B Ammunition Specialist, and 76Y Unit Supply Specialist (Honor Graduate).

Matticks' deployments include Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa.

His military awards include Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Training Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Kansas Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon, Kansas Army National Guard Achievement Ribbon. Matticks is also a member of the Order of Saint Barbara.

Matticks completed his Bachelor of Music degree at Hastings College in 1987 and his masters in educational administration in 2006 at Emporia State University. Matticks is currently the music coordinator and a band director for Hastings Public Schools District in Hastings, Nebraska and volunteers as the Awards Committee chair for the Enlisted Association Kansas Army National Guard, Boy Scout Troop 94 Unit Commissioner, Hastings Public Schools Foundation Board Member, and Hastings Chamber of Commerce Veteran's Parade Committee.