

STAFF SERGEANT ARMY TANKER

Operations NCO

Staff Sergeant Army Tanker was born in Erie Pennsylvania. He joined the Army in May of 1989 and attended OSUT (One Station Unit Training) at FT Knox, KY to be an Armor Crewman.

During his career, Staff Sergeant Tanker served as a Tank Platoon Sergeant, Section Leader, Squad Leader, Tank Commander and Tank Gunner. He participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Provide Comfort. His additional deployments include: Bosnia as a member of IFOR (TF Eagle); Kosovo as a member of KFOR (TF Falcon); and Hungary as part of the NCOA Task Force Warrior to train Free Iraqi Forces in support of Operation Free Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Tanker has been assigned to the following units: 4th Battalion 70th Armor in Erlangen Germany, HQ US Army Garrison FT Pickett, attached to FT Bragg, 2nd Battalion 67th Armor in Friedburg Germany, 1st Battalion 66th Armor at FT Hood, 1st Battalion 77th Armor at Schwienfurt Germany; Small Group Leader for the Primary Leadership Development Course at FT Knox, KY and is currently assigned as the assistant Operations NCO at the NCO Academy.

Staff Sergeant Tanker military and civilian education includes the US Army Air Assault School, Equal Opportunity Representative Course, the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, The Primary Leadership Development Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Instructor Training Course, Tank Crew Evaluator Course, UCOFT Instructor Operator Course, the Army Combat Lifesavers Course and he has completed 33 credit hours with North Central Institute College, Central Texas College and is pursuing a degree in teen intervention.

Staff Sergeant Tanker was selected as the Installation Soldier of the Year for the US Army Garrison at FT Pickett (1992); The NCO of the Quarter, and Month (twice) while assigned to 1st BN 77th Armor; the Instructor of the Quarter and Cycle while a PLDC Instructor and the runner up in the FT Knox NCO of the Year competition in 2002. He is a member of the Excellence in Armor Program and has been awarded the Draper Armor Leadership Award. His other awards and decorations include the Air Assault Badge, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, ARCOM (6 OLC), AAM (6 OLC), GCM (4th award), HSM, AFEM, NDSM (1BSS), KCM (1BSS), OSR(#3), NATO (Bosnia), NATO (Kosovo), KLM (US), KLM (Kuwait), SWASM (3BSS).