



2d Armored Brigade Combat Team

CSM Craig A. Copridge

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Command Sergeant Major Craig A. Copridge entered the United States Army on 09 January 1990. After completing OSUT training at Fort Benning, Georgia, CSM Copridge was assigned to 4th BN, 18th IN, 3rd Armored Division, in Galnhausen, Germany from 1990 to 1992. While at 4-18 IN, CSM Copridge served as a Bradley driver, anti armor specialist and participated in Operation Desert Storm/Shield. From there he was stationed at 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia from 1992 to 1995, where he served as a Team Leader and Squad Leader. After his tour of duty at Fort Stewart, CSM Copridge was assigned to V Corps in Heidleberg, Germany from 1995 to 1998 where he worked in G3 training as the nightshift TAC NCOIC and Operations Sergeant. During this time he deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. From there he was reassigned to NTC where he served as a Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant in 2nd BN, 11th ACR from 1998 to 2002. After his duty of tour with the OPFOR, CSM was assigned to the V Corps for one year and served as the CMTC Liaison and Bradley Master Gunner from 2002 to 2003. CSM requested an intra-theater transfer to Baumholder, Germany where he served as a Platoon Sergeant, S2 NCOIC and First Sergeant from 2003 to 2009. CSM Copridge deployed three times to Iraq during his time at Baumholder. CSM Copridge moved to Fort Bliss where he attended the United States Sergeants Major Academy from 2009 to 2010. CSM Copridge volunteered to take a PRT (Provincial Reconstruction Team) to Afghanistan upon completing his schooling at Fort Bliss. After three months of training at Camp



Atterbury, he deployed to Sharana, Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011. Following that deployment, CSM Copridge's next duty assignment was as the CSM for 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment (No Slack) from 2012 to 2013. While there, he deployed his Battalion as part of one of the first SFAB (Security Force Assistance Brigade) to Kunar, Afghanistan from 2012 to 2013. CSM Copridge served as the Command Sergeant Major for 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment from 2015 to 2016. While there, CSM Copridge deployed his Squadron to Africa as part of the RAF (Regionally Aligned Forces) to AFRICOM.

CSM Copridge is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 60). He has graduated from all four levels of the NCOESs as well as the First Sergeant Course. His military and civilian education includes the Battle Staff Course, Bradley Master Gunner Course. He is also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

CSM Copridge's award and decorations include the Bronze Star (4th Award), Purple Heart (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Award (5th Award), Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd Award) Army Superior Unit Award (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantry Badge and the German Marksmanship Badge (Silver). He is also the recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice.