

<u>CSM MICHAEL MOANA</u>

ARMY FORCES BATTALION COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

CSM Moana, a Native of American Samoa, enlisted in the United States Army on April 8th, 1996. He attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA, where he graduated and became an enlisted Infantryman.

Upon graduation, he returned to American Samoa as an Army Reservist. In 1997, he switched from the Army Reserve to the Active-Duty component. His previous duty assignment was as the Operation and Plans (OPS) SGM for the 1st Battalion 21st Infantry Gimlets at Schofield Barracks. OPS SGM for the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and as a CSM for the 2nd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team in JBLM, Washington. He has served in various Infantry positions, from Team and Squad Leader to Platoon Sergeant to First Sergeant. His leadership experience is exemplified by his responsibility as CSM of the 2nd Brigade Support Battalion. Assumed duties as MSI ROTC Instructor with the American Samoa Community College in partnership with the University of Hawaii (UH), an Observer Coach Trainer (OC/T), and as a Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) Cadre. His overseas assignments include Bravo 2-9 Manchu in South Korea, ASCC ROTC instructor in the territory of American Samoa and Hawaii. He has also served three combat tours in Iraq, OIF I (invasion of Iraq), OIF V, and OIF X (U.S drawdown and Operation New Dawn).

CSM Moana's Military Education is a testament to his commitment to continuous learning and professional development. His extensive training includes Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), Senior Leaders Course (SLC), Commanders and First Sergeant Course, U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy (USASMA), Pre-Command Course (PCC), Combat Live Saver (CLS), Equal Opportunity Leaders (EOL), Master Resiliency Course (MRC), First Army Academy (FAA), and Warrior Transition Unit Cadre Training Course (WTUCTC).

His awards and decorations: The Bronze Star (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7OLC), Army Commendation Medal (8OLC), Army Achievement Medal (5OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Medal (w/star), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/2 star), Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, NCOPD Service Ribbon (V), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (V), Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), and Expert Infantry Badge (EIB).

CSM Michael Moana is married to Sifusi Moana from American Samoa and they have four children, Mj, Kasey, Knox, and Kaleia Moana.