

BIOGRAPHY

Command Sergeant Major John Beasley

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. John Beasley is the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team. He is a 1979 graduate of Southaven High School in Southaven, Mississippi. Beasley enlisted in the United States Army in December 1978 as a senior in high school. He entered service on 31 July, 1979 and attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as a motor transport operator. His active duty career includes assignments with the 82nd Airborne Division where he served with the 407th Service and Support Battalion as well as the Golden Knights Army parachute Team. He completed his enlistment in 1982.

After returning home, Command Sgt. Maj. Beasley joined the Mississippi Army National Guard as a motor transport operator with Detachment 1, Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 108th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Hernando, Mississippi. In 1994 he re-classed as an M1 armor crewman where he progressed to the rank of Sgt. 1st Class.

In May 2001 he was promoted to 1st Sgt. and assigned to Charlie Company, 2d Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment in Sardis, Mississippi. In August 2004 his Battalion was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF III) and he was assigned to Alpha Troop, 98th Cavalry Squadron as the troop 1st Sgt. In September 2008 his unit was again activated in support of OIF 9.2 where he was deployed to Iraq as the company 1st Sgt. from January - September 2009.

In October 2013 he was promoted to Sgt. Maj. and assigned to the 114th Digital Liaison Detachment in Greenville, MS where he served as the Senior Operations Non-commissioned Officer. In February 2017 he was promoted to Cmd. Sgt. Maj. and assigned to the 1-98th Cavalry Squadron as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. In October 2017 he was selected as Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. for the 155th ABCT.

He is a 2013 graduate of The United States Army Sgt. Maj. Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Military Education:

Sergeants Major Course (2013)
Reserved Components Advanced Non Commissioned Officers Course (1997)
Reserved Components Basic Non Commissioned Officers Course (1994)
Reserved Components Primary Non Commissioned Officers course (1985)
SSD 5 (2016)
Battle Staff NCO (2014)
Resilience Trainer Assistant Course (2014)
Supervisor Development (2012)
Air Assault Course (2010)

Case Studies in Terrorism (2010)
Nuclear Terrorism & Health Effects (2010)
Biological Warfare (2010)
Disaster Planning (2010)
National Disaster Medical System (2010)
Pest Management (2010)
Combating Trafficking in Persons (2009)
Commanders Safety Course (2008)
Basic Infantry Course (2007)
M1 Mobile Trainer (1994)
M1 Armor Crewman (1994)
Airborne Course (1980)
Motor Transport Operator Course (1979)

Assignments:

1. Motor Transport Operator (August 1979) E-Company 407 Service and Support Battalion 82nd Airborne Division
2. Motor Transport Operator (February 1983) 1st Detachment Headquarters Troop 1-108 Armored Cavalry in Hernando, MS
3. Section Sgt. (September 1990) 1st Detachment Headquarters Troop 1-108 Armored Cavalry in Hernando, MS
4. Platoon Sgt. (September 1993) TRP A (-) 1-108 Armored Cavalry in Hernando, MS
5. Platoon Sgt. (September 1995) DET-2 HHC 2-198th Armor in Hernando, MS
6. Platoon Sgt. (September 1996) Company A 2-198th Armor in Oxford, MS
7. First Sgt. (May 2001) Company C 2-198th Armor in Sardis, MS
8. First Sgt. (March 2005) Troop A 98th Cavalry Squadron in Hernando, MS
9. First Sgt. (July 2006) Company A 2-198th Combined Arms Battalion in Hernando, MS
10. First Sgt. (March 2010) Headquarters Company 2-198th Combine Arms Battalion in Senatobia, MS
11. Senior Operations Sgt. Maj. (October 2013) 114th Digital Liaison Detachment in Greenville, MS
12. Cmd. Sgt. Maj. (February 2017) 1-98th Cavalry Squadron in Amory, MS
13. Cmd. Sgt. Maj. (October 2017) 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, MS

Awards and Decorations:

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
Good Conduct Medal with bronze three knot devise
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster and 1 bronze oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with three campaign stars
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" devise, gold hour glass, and number "2" devise

Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with number "5" device
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon with number "2" device
Army Reserves Components Overseas Training Ribbon
Mississippi Medal of Efficiency
Mississippi War Medal with bronze star
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal
Mississippi Longevity Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster and 1 bronze oak leaf cluster

Combat Action Badge
Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge
Driver and Mechanic Badge

Affiliations:

First Baptist Church, Eudora, MS
Non Commissioned Officers Association Mississippi Army National Guard
National Infantry Association
National Armor Association
National Field Artillery Association

Effective Dates of Promotions:

Private (PV1) 28 Dec 1978
Private (PV2) 1979
Private First Class 1980
Specialist April 1981
Sgt. June 1988
Staff Sgt. October 1991
Sgt. First Class March 1995
First Sgt. May 2001
Sgt. Maj. October 2013
Cmd. Sgt. Maj. February 2017