

## **MSG Derek A. Ross**

### **U.S. Army**



MSG Derek Ross was born in Deland, FL and entered the U.S. Army in February 2006 as an Infantryman and was assigned as an Indirect Fire Infantryman(11C) upon completion of Infantry OSUT. He served as a Mortar Carrier Driver, Mortar Assistant Gunner, Mortar Gunner, M240B Machine Gunner, Mortar Squad Leader, Mortar Section Leader, Drill Sergeant, Fire Direction Chief, Platoon Sergeant, Senior OC/T, SFAB Assistant Team Leader/ Advisor, Project NCO and Sergeant Major for ACM SFAB, and First Sergeant. MSG Ross is currently the Senior Military Science Instructor for George Mason University ROTC in Fairfax, VA.

His military education includes Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT), Warrior Leader Course (CL), Infantry Mortar Leader Course, Infantry Advanced Leader Course (DH), US Army Drill Sergeant School, Army Basic Instructor Course, Small Group Leader Course, Army Combatives Level 1, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Maneuver Senior Leader Course (CL), Observer Coach Trainer Course, Anti-Terrorism Level 1 Course, Combat Advisor Training Course, SHARP Foundation Course, Master Leader Course, and First Sergeants Course. His civilian education includes 169 credits towards a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies.

MSG Ross' previous assignments include A Trp, 3-7 CAV, 3<sup>rd</sup> ID, Fort Stewart, GA (2006-2009); B Co, 1-14 IN, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Schofield Barracks, HI (2009-2012); F Co, 2-19 IN, 198<sup>th</sup> ITB Fort Benning, GA (2012-2014); HHC, 2-34 AR, 1<sup>st</sup> ID, Fort Riley, KS (2014-2017); Timberwolves OCT Team, JMRC, Hohenfels, Germany (2017-2019); Team 1310, 1<sup>st</sup> SFAB, Fort Benning, GA (2019-2022); Army Capability Manager SFAB, MCDID, Fort Benning, GA (2022-2024); B Co, 1-23 IN and MFRC, 1-2 SBCT, 7<sup>th</sup> ID, JBLM, WA (2024-2026) He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn in 2007 and 2011, Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in 2014, Colombia and Panama in support of Advising Operations in 2021 and 2022 and served twice as a rotational force in Camp Casey-Hovey, South Korea in 2016 and 2024.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal (8 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (R Device, 7 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (6<sup>th</sup> Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (Three Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 9), Meritorious Unit Citation (2 OLC), Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Combat Infantryman Badge, German Schützenschnur (Silver), and Drill Sergeant Badge

MSG Ross currently resides in Woodbridge, VA with his wife Brittany and two daughters, Jaylee (16) and Rinley (10).