



Special Operations Command Europe

Command Sergeant Major Bruce W. Holmes Senior Enlisted Leader

CSM Bruce W. Holmes is a native of Granbury, Texas. He enlisted in the Army on August 6, 1993 as a Medical Laboratory Technician, and attended Basic Training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri followed by Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. As a lab technician, he served at Fort Detrick, Maryland; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and the Republic of Korea.

CSM Holmes attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 2000, and graduated the Special Forces Qualification Course as an 18D (Special Forces Medic) in 2002. Assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), CSM Holmes held positions as an Operational Detachment Alpha Medic, ODA Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant, Group Operations Sergeant Major, as well as Company Sergeant Major.

CSM Holmes was previously assigned as the Special Forces liaison to conventional forces in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, as well as the Operations Sergeant Major for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne). He served as the Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG(A), and as the Group CSM for 3rd SFG(A).

He has completed seven combat deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM as well as multiple deployments to the African continent.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Army Commendation with Valor. He has earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medic Badge, the Special Forces Tab, Expert Field Medical Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Jumpmaster Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, German Schuetzenschnur and Free Fall Wings (Silver), Estonian Freefall Wings, and Air Assault Badge.

CSM Holmes is a graduate of the Joint Special Operations Senior Enlisted Academy and the Summit Course, and is an inductee in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

