



Command Sergeant Major Shorter enlisted in the Army in 1988 and attended Infantry Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA. He was subsequently assigned to 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany.

Command Sergeant Major Shorter volunteered for Special Forces training and graduated the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1992. He was then assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (A) at Fort Lewis Washington. During the following 23 years, he has held the positions of Junior Medical NCO, Senior Medical NCO, Team Sergeant and HSC First Sergeant. His Sergeant Major assignments are all with 1st Special Forces Group and include, OPSDET Sergeant Major, Company Sergeant Major for Charlie Company 3rd Battalion, Group Operations Sergeant Major, and 1st Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sergeant Major Shorter's military education includes every level of Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development, to include the Summit Course. He is a graduate of the Special Forces Qualification Course, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Dive Medical Technician's Course and the Military Free Fall Parachutist Course.

Command Sergeant Major Shorter's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, and Army Achievement Medal. He has been awarded the Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Expert Field Medic Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, and the Saint Phillip of Neri Award (Bronze Order).

Command Sergeant Major Shorter currently serves as the Special Operations Command, Pacific (SOCPAC) Senior Enlisted Leader. He and his wife Leslie have been married 26 years and have one daughter, Kelcie, who is a senior at the University of Washington.