

Sergeant Major Houston is a native of Damascus, Maryland; he enlisted in the United States Army in September 1998 as an Infantryman. He attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. Sergeant Major Houston has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Houston's job assignments include Team leader, Squad Leader, Scout Assistant Team Leader, Scout Team Leader, Scout Platoon Sergeant, Rifle Platoon Sergeant, Rifle and HHC First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major and Enlisted Commandant. His assignments include Bravo Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment (Schofield Barracks, HI), Bravo Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Hohenfels, DE), Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and Bravo, Charlie and Headquarters Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Fort Polk, LA), Alpha Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 327<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY), Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Security Force Assistance Brigade (Fort Carson, CO), Commandant, US Army NCO Academy Hawaii Schofield Barracks, HI), and Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 174<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (JBMDL, NJ).

Sergeant Major Houston has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, the U.S. Army Ranger course, Air Assault School, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leaders Course, Malaysian Tracking Course, Javelin Trainer Course, the Instructor Training Course and the Combat Advisor Training Course.

Sergeant Major Houston's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Valorous Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal seventh award, National Defense Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral five, Multi National Forces and Observers Medal, the NATO Medal, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge