

RUSSELL “RUSS” A. HAMILTON
Command Sergeant Major
100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD)



CSM Hamilton is a native of Lincoln, Neb., but spent most of his childhood in Longmont, Colo., where he graduated from Skyline High School in 1986. CSM Hamilton entered the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program on his 17th birthday while still a senior in high school. He entered active duty shortly after high school graduation, on July 25, 1986, at Fort Knox, Ky., to begin One Station Unit Training as an armored crewman. He spent nearly 16 years in the active Army, as an armor crewman on the M60A3, M1, M1A1, and M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks. He held every key duty position in the armor branch, including tank commander, section sergeant, master gunner, platoon sergeant, master gunner instructor, Security Assistance Team advisor and first sergeant.

His duty assignments include: 1st BN 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; 1st BN 77th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.; 2nd BN 77th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson; 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd BN 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; the U.S. Army Armor Center and School, Fort Knox; U.S. Army Gunnery Advisor to the Royal Saudi Land Forces, Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson. He deployed with Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR in support of Operation Noble Eagle in the days that immediately followed the events of Sept. 11, 2001. CSM Hamilton's overseas assignments and deployments include the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Intrinsic Action deployments to Kuwait, and REFORGER exercises in Germany and Netherlands.

In 2002, CSM Hamilton left the active component, and entered the Active Guard and Reserve program with the Colorado Army National Guard. In 2003, he was assigned to the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense). He served in the 100th MDB as a Future Operations officer on a Missile Defense Element crew, brigade master evaluator & ORE Team NCOIC, and brigade operations sergeant major. In June 2009, he was reassigned as the G-1 sergeant major for the Colorado Army National Guard. CSM Hamilton assumed responsibility as the third command sergeant major of the 100th MDB (GMD) on Nov. 1, 2010.

CSM Hamilton's awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf), Army Commendation Medal with (four oak leaf), Army Achievement Medal (one silver and four bronze oak leaf), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze service star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral "4", Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral "2", Space Badge (Basic), and the Army Recruiter Badge. He is also a member of the Order of Saint Barbara.

CSM Hamilton's military education includes: Armor One Station Unit Training, Primary Leadership Development Course, Armor Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Armor Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, the M1/M1A1 Master Gunner Course, M1A2 Master Gunner Course, Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Army Recruiter Course, Army National Guard Recruiting & Retention Course, Air Defense Artillery Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Intelligence Operator Transition Course, and the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Operator Basic and Advanced Courses.

CSM Hamilton has an associate degree in general studies from Central Texas College, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security through the American Military University.

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