

CSM JEFFERY F. COKER
Command Sergeant Major
49th Missile Defense Battalion

CSM Jeffery F. Coker enlisted into the South Carolina Army National Guard as a private in September 1984 as a 16F cannoneer. Upon completion of Basic Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Bliss Texas, CSM Coker served in multiple Air Defense Artillery leadership positions in both South Carolina and Alaska.

His assignments while assigned to 2nd Battalion, 263rd Air Defense Artillery, Anderson, S.C., include cannoneer for the M42 Duster; team, squad and platoon sergeant for the Avenger Air Defense System, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and Stinger Missile System.

CSM Coker joined the Alaska Army National Guard in 2003. He graduated Ground-based Midcourse Defense Training and Exercise Center Basic and Advance Courses (Class 1) in Colorado Springs, Colo., and served as a weapons operator (A-Crew) at Fort Greely, Alaska. CSM Coker was selected as the first sergeant for both A Company (Military Police) and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. CSM Coker was then selected as the Alaska Training and Operations (G3/5/7) sergeant major with his last assignment as the 38th Troop Command Operations S-3 sergeant major, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. From September 2010 to April 2011, CSM Coker successfully deployed as the senior liaison noncommissioned officer to the Mongolian Armed Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

CSM Coker's military education includes all NCO Education System courses, culminating as a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (NRC 35); First Sergeants course; Nuclear Biological Chemical Warfare course; Special Reconnaissance Operations course; Military Field Tactical Police Operations course, Basic and Advanced Ground – Based Midcourse Defense Course, Equal Opportunity Representative course; Managers' Internal Control Program Training Workshop; Infrastructure and Services Installation Status Report Training; Air Defense C4 Tactical Operations Center Enhanced Operator Maintainer course; Bradley Line Backer Crew Member course; Air and Missile Defense Crew Member course; and the Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember and Radio Operator Maintainer course.

CSM Coker's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (sixth award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (fifth award), Good Conduct Medal (third award), National Defense Service Medal (second award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M device and Silver hour glass) NCO Development Service Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Medal, NATO Medal, Alaska State Service Medal, Alaska Marksmanship Medal, Alaska State Partnership Ribbon, South Carolina Achievement Medal, South Carolina Palmetto Service Ribbon (Silver), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, South Carolina Governors Citation, United States Air Force Space and Missile Defense Badge, German Armed Forces Badge (Schützenschnur – Gold), and the prestigious Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.



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