



**Command Sergeant Major Bentura
Fernandez**
Senior Enlisted Advisor
409th Contracting Support Brigade



Command Sergeant Major Bentura Fernandez was born in Dallas, Texas. He enlisted in the Army on October 22, 1985 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Virginia, as a 76C (Equipment Records and Parts Specialist). CSM Fernandez has held duty positions as squad leader through Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

He has been assigned to HHD 515th Transportation Battalion, Ludwigsburg, Germany; 19th Signal Company 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; 617th SOAD (A) 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (A), Fort Kobbe, Panama.; HHC160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (A), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; US Army Central Command-Qatar, Doha, Qatar; HHC 13th Corp Support Command with duties at Fort Hood Contracting Command, Fort Hood, Texas; US Army Contracting Command Europe with duties at Regional Contracting Office Italy, Vicenza, Italy; 901st Contingency Contracting Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas. He is currently the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 409th Contracting Support Brigade (Europe).

CSM Fernandez's military schools include the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Course (Class 58), Basic Airborne Course and the Air Assault Course. He is also certified Level III in Contracting. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College, Albany, NY.

CSM Fernandez has deployed in support of Operations Safe Haven (Panama), Desert Storm/Shield (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait), Joint Forge (Hungary, Croatia and Bosnia), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) and Enduring Freedom Trans-Sahara (Mali, Niger and Chad).

CSM Fernandez was the 2006 recipient of the Secretary of the Army Military Contingency Contracting Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award, the 2006 U.S. Army Contracting Command Europe Contracting Excellence for Contingency Contracting and the 2005 Army Contracting Agency Outstanding Contingency Contracting Officer-Military NCO. CSM Fernandez's other awards and citations include the Bronze Star Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (five oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (one bronze star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (three bronze stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral seven), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal, NATO medal, Kuwait liberation of Kuwait medal and Kuwait Liberation Medal (KSA). His badges include the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Australian jump wings.

