



Command Sergeant Major Garry C. Pruitt is a native of Boyd, Texas and is a graduate of Boyd High School. CSM Pruitt enlisted in the US Army on 4 November 2003 and graduated as a Cannon Crewmember (13B) from One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

CSM Pruitt has held numerous leadership positions in the Field Artillery. His previous assignments include: Cannoneer #1, Assistant Gunner, and Gunner while assigned to 2nd BN, 3rd FAR Giessen, Germany; Howitzer Section Chief, Gunnery Sergeant, and Platoon Sergeant while assigned to 2nd BN, 8th FAR at Fort Wainwright, AK. CSM Pruitt then served as an Observer/Coach-Trainer with 2nd BN, 305th FA at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

CSM Pruitt served as a First Sergeant for Bravo Battery and later Headquarters and Headquarters Battery in 2nd BN, 8th FAR. CSM Pruitt also served as the First Sergeant for 4th Battalion, 4th SFAB at Fort Carson, Colorado. CSM Pruitt's most recent assignment was the Brigade Operations Sergeant Major for 1st Cavalry Division, Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas and Battalion Command Sergeant Major for 2nd BN 8th Field Artillery Regiment 11th ABN DV, Fort Wainwright AK.

CSM Pruitt has two combat deployments to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn and one combat deployment to Afghanistan.

CSM Pruitt completed all levels of NCO Professional Development through the United States Sergeant Major Academy (Class 71), Sling-load Inspector Certification Course, Air Assault School, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff Course, Master counter IED course, Cold Weather Leaders Course, Combat Advisory Trainer Course, and Advanced Situational Course. CSM Pruitt has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in Business Management Studies from Excelsior University and a Bachelor's Degree in Leader Workforce and Development from the Commanding Generals Staff College.

CSM Pruitt awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (9OLC), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 campaign stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 5). He has earned the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge-Gold, the Air Assault Badge, the Expert Soldier Badge, and the

Combat Action Badge. He is also a member of the Honorable Order of St. Barbara and a proud member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

CSM Pruitt has been married to his wife Kristin Pruitt, for 20 years and has a six-year-old son, Ryker Pruitt.