



Command Sergeant Major Bamba is a descendent of the Northern Mariana Islands. He enlisted in the United States Army in August 1996 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) in Delta Battery, 1st BN, 31st FA Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was awarded the MOS 13B- Cannon Crewmember. His assignments include: Service Battery, 1st BN, 377th FAR (AASLT), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Charlie BTRY, 2nd BN, 17th FA, Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea; Alpha BTRY, 3rd BN, 7th FAR, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Bravo BTRY, 1st BN, 15th FA, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; Alpha BTRY, 1st BN, 78th FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Alpha BTRY, 1st BN, 22nd FA and Foxtrot BTRY, 1st BN, 19th FA, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Alpha/Bravo/HHB 1st BN, 7th FAR, Fort, Riley Kansas; University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas, 2nd BN, 18th FAR, 1st BN, 79th FA (Basic Combat Training) and JMRC Vampire Team. CSM Bamba currently serves as the 75th Field Artillery Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Bamba's military and civilian education includes Primary, Basic (HG), and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (CL), United States Army Sergeants Major Course Class 67 (CL), Red Team Course, Cadre/Faculty Development Course, Foundation Instructor Facilitator Course (FIFC), Asymmetric Warfare Group- Observer, Trainer, Mentor (OTM) Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Course, First Sergeant and Company Commanders Course, Field Artillery Master Gunner Course, Master Resilience Trainer(MRT) Course, Combatives Course (Level 1 and 2), Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Drill Sergeant Course, Army Retention Course, Air Assault course and the Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course. CSM Bamba holds an Associate's Degree from Upper Iowa University, Bachelor of Science Degree from Upper Iowa University, and a Master of Arts Degree from University of Louisville in Higher Education Administration.

CSM Bamba's award and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1SLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (9 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (silver 2 loops), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon

(Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 6), Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Master Gunner Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Drivers Badge (T and W). CSM Bamba is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and a member of the Order of Saint Barbara.

CSM Bamba has held numerous staff and leadership positions including Vampire OC/T, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Operations Sergeant Major, Senior Military Science Instructor, Battery First Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, Chief of Firing Battery, Personal Security Detachment (PSD) Platoon Leader, Senior Drill Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Section Chief, and Gunner.

CSM Bamba is currently married to Anginette Mendiola and resides in Lawton, Oklahoma. Their children are +Chanelle Mendiola, Chadd Mendiola, Chanoa Mendiola, Chantasia Mendiola, Joshua Bamba, John Bamba Jr, and Jaychris Bamba