



CSM John S. Gioia



CSM Gioia enlisted in the Army on June 27, 1981 and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Throughout his 28-year career, he has served in every enlisted leadership position from Demolitions Sergeant to his current position as the 17th Command Sergeant Major of the

4th Infantry Division. Other assignments he held as Command Sergeant Major include the 82nd Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany; Task Force 82 Baqubah, Iraq; 3rd Brigade Combat Team 1st Infantry Division and Multi-National Brigade East, Task Force Falcon, Kosovo; Engineer Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany and the Joint Multi-National Training Command, USAREUR Grafenwoehr, Germany.

CSM Gioia's most recent assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of Multi-National Division - Baghdad serving in Iraq during the Division's recent 15 month combat deployment.

CSM Gioia's military education includes the Primary Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeants Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officers Course, the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the United States Army Force Management Course, and the Keystone Course of the National Defense University.

CSM Gioia's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd award), Army Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), Army Commendation Medal

(10th award), Army Achievement Medal (6th award), Good Conduct Medal (9th award), National Defense ribbon (2nd award), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, The Korean Defense Medal, NCOES Ribbon Number 4, the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (6th award), NATO Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal

(3 campaign stars) Campaign Stars, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit and Valorous Unit Commendations. Additionally, he has been awarded the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

His foreign decorations include the Royal Australian Parachutist Badge and the German Schutzenschnur. CSM Gioia is a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's DeFleury Medal and the Armor Association's Order of St. George.

CSM Gioia is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales and Sergeant Audie Murphy Clubs.