

1st Sgt. John Dempsey

John P. Dempsey enlisted in the Army in 2002 and attended Basic Training at Fort Sill, Okla., and Advanced Individual Training as a Bradley Linebacker crew member at Fort Bliss, Texas.

His initial assignment was to the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Bradley Linebacker crew member and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom I. After he returned from Iraqi Freedom, he re-classed to an Air Defense command, control, communications, computers and Intelligence enhanced operator/maintainer at Fort Bliss. His next assignment was to Space Missile Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base (AFB), Colo. During this time, he held the position of space missile defense controller. In 2005, he attended the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) course at Fort Bliss; his follow-on assignment was Misawa AFB, Japan where he served as the JTAGS section sergeant; Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga. While there, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan; in 2013, he was assigned to Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, as the battalion battle systems manager. In 2014-2016, he was stationed Army Central Command (ARCENT), Shaw AFB, S.C. and served as the operations sergeant. While stationed at ARCENT he TCS'd to Camp Arifijan, Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. 2016-2017 at Osan AB, Korea served as the Operation Sergeant for the 35th ADA Brigade. He is currently stationed at Fort Sill serving as the C Battery, 2-6th ADA first sergeant.

Dempsey's military education includes the Warrior Leader Course, the Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Joint Tactical Ground Station Course, Operations Security Managers Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Battle Staff and the Master Resiliency Course.

SFC Dempsey's awards include the Army Commendation medal (with four oak leaf clusters (OLC)), the Army Achievement Medal (with three OLC), the Valorous Unit Citation, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, International Security Assistance Force Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon.