

First Sgt. Lamont Kemper

Lamont Kemper of St. Louis, Mo. entered the Army in 1995 and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training as a fire direction specialist at Fort Sill, Okla.

Kemper's assignments include two overseas tours to the Republic of Korea where he served with 2nd Battalion, 17th FA on Camp Hovey and the Operation Fires Directorate in Yongsan. Other assignments include 1-37th FA at Fort Lewis, Wash.; 2-5th FA, 1-40th FA, 1-78th FA and 1-30th FA all at Fort Sill. Kemper deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as NCOIC for the quick reaction force. Kemper has performed in numerous duty positions including advance party man, fire direction computer, chief fire direction computer, drill sergeant, senior drill sergeant, platoon sergeant, chief instructor, operation sergeant and first sergeant.

Kemper's military education includes Combat Lifesaver Course, Warrior Leader Course, Equal Opportunity Advisors Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System Course, Drill Sergeant School, Unit Prevention Leaders Course, Modern Army Combatives Levels 1-3, Unit Armor Course, Senior Leaders Course, Field Sanitation Course, Force Battle Command Brigade and Below Course, Field Artillery Master Gunner Course, Battle Staff Course, Basic Instructor Course, Master Resiliency Training Course and the First Sergeant Course. He has completed three years of college and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Grantham University.

Kemper's awards include Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with six OLC), Army Achievement Medal (with 13 OLC), Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (fifth award), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Medal (with number "3"), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (second award), Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge and the Drivers Badge for wheel and track vehicles.

First Sergeant Kemper is married to the former Janiece Walker of Lawton, Okla. He has five children: Nasir Kemper Lamont Kemper Jr, Anthony Love, Essence Love, and Amari Kemper.