

FAPO CSM



SGM Alexis C. Shelton is the Field Artillery Proponent Office Sergeant Major. U.S. Army Photo released.

First of all I would like to say that it is an honor and privilege to be the new Field Artillery Proponent SGM. As a vessel for the Commandant and the CSM, I am in an awesome position to assist in helping shape the future of our Artillery community. I am excited and look forward to working with the entire team on the abundance of initiatives in the Field Artillery.

On behalf of the Commandant, the FA CSM and myself congratulations to the 256 SSGs who were selected on the recent FY15 Sergeant First Class Selection board.

The Sergeant's First Class Role



While "Platoon Sergeant (PLT SGT)" is a duty position, not a rank, the PLT SGT is the primary assistant and advisor to the Platoon Leader, with the responsibility of training and caring for Soldiers. The PLT SGT helps the commander to train the Platoon Leader (PLT LDR) and in that regard has an enormous effect on how young officers perceive NCOs for the remainder of their career. The PLT SGT takes charge of the platoon in the absence of the PLT LDR. As the lowest level senior NCO involved in the company mission essential task list (METL), PLT SGTs teach and train collective and individual tasks to Soldiers in squads, crews or small units.