

CSM (Retired) WILLIAM L. JEMISON

UNITED STATES ARMY

CSM (Ret) Jemison was born in Alabama and entered the delayed entry program on 14 July 1971. He entered active duty on 1 September 1971 and attended basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His advance training was at Fort Polk, Louisiana as an 11B Infantryman and then proceeded to Fort Bliss, Texas for his ASI of R6 (Redeye Gunner) and earned the distinction of Honor Graduate for the course. His unit also assisted in testing and fielding the Stinger Missile System in 1976 and 1977.

His overseas tours and duties include Team Chief and Section Sergeant, 3rd Squadron, 7th Calvary, Schweinfurt, Germany; Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant, 1st Battalion, 59th ADA, Mainz Germany; First Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 67th ADA, Kitzingen, Germany; Command Sergeant Major, 6th Battalion, 43rd ADA and 6th Battalion, 52nd ADA, Ansbach, Germany. His stateside tours and duties included Team chief and Section Sergeant, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry; Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant, 4th Battalion, 61st ADA, Fort Carson, Colorado; Chief Instructor, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Noncommissioned Officer Academy; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Support Battalion; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 43rd ADA; Battalion Commander, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas and Post CSM, White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, New Mexico. Like many other Air Defenders, CSM (Ret) Jemison has spent many tours in Southwest Asia.

His military and civilian education includes the Primary Leaders Course; Stinger Certification Course; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; Sergeants Major Course graduate (class 33); Small Group Instructors Course (SGITC); Instructors Training Course (ITC); and Army Management Staff Course. He also has an Associate's Degree in Business Management and a Bachelor's in Senior Management and Human Resources.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (5); Army Commendation Medal (5); Army Achievement Medal; Army Superior Unit Award (3); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal w/ Bronze Star; Kuwait Liberation Medal; Expert Infantryman's Badge; and was selected as a Sergeant Morales Club Member.

CSM (Ret) Jemison is married to the former Shirley Thomas and they have two daughters: Pamela Shelathia, a 2003 graduate of University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) in Psychology; Montrae Cheniqua, a graduate of Alabama State University in Biology and a graduate from Webster University with a Masters in Health Care Management; and a grandson Mical Anthony. Montrae joined the Army in 2004.

CSM (Ret) Jemison completed 30 years, 1 month and 17 days of Active Federal

Service (AFS), retired in September 2001 from White Sands New Mexico and resides in El Paso. While working as a contractor for the Sergeants Major Academy, he also co-authored two Field Manuals for the Army; The Soldier's Guide (FM 7-21.13), published in February 2004 and The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide (FM 7-22.7), published in December 2002.