



Command Sergeant Major Lauro F. Obeada is a native of Queens, New York. He entered the United States Army February 18, 1987. He completed Basic Training and Advance Individual Training as a Combat Engineer (21B) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Command Sgt. Maj. Obeada has served with the 82nd Engineer Battalion, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division; XVIII Airborne Corps, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; 35th Engineer Battalion, 554th Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, 20th Engineer Brigade; 4/1 Armor Division, and the 4th Engineer Battalion.

His duty and leadership positions include Driver, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course Instructor, Obstacle Section Sergeant, Drill and Senior Drill Sergeant, Platoon Trainer Engineer Officer Basic Course, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, C7 Sergeant Major, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sgt. Maj. Obeada is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. He has also completed the Sapper Leader Course, Airborne School, Drill Sergeant School, Air Assault School. His civilian education includes an Associate's Degree from Central Texas College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

His combat tours include Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 82d Airborne Division, Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 173d Airborne Brigade, Operation Enduring Freedom VI with the 173d Airborne Brigade, Operation Iraqi Freedom with 20th Engineer Brigade and Operation Iraqi Freedom 9-11 with 4/1 Armor Division.

CSM Obeada's awards include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 Silver OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th award), National Defense Ribbon (bronze service star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 bronze service star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 OLC), Army Valorous Unit Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Hungarian Army Parachutist Badge, Tunisian Army Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Sapper Tab. CSM Obeada is also a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's prestigious deFleury Medal.