

Command Sergeant Major Talley is a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana and he enlisted in the United States Army in June 2001 as a Carpentry/Masonry Specialist. He attended Basic Combat Training in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri, and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Gulfport Mississippi.

His assignments include 94th Engineer Battalion (Hohenfels, Germany) where he deployed to Kosovo in 2002 and Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003; 52nd Engineer Battalion (Fort Carson, CO), where he served as a Team Leader and Squad Leader; 62nd Engineer Battalion (Fort Hood, TX), where he served as a Team leader and a Squad Leader in Iraq supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; Waco, TX Recruiting Command; NCOIC Department of Public Works (DPW) (Camp Buehring, Kuwait); PSG, 27th Engineer Battalion, (Fort Bragg, NC); Fest Team NCOIC, Mobile, AL (USACE); First Sergeant, 169th Engineer Battalion (Gulfport, MS); Power Station Sergeant, 249th Engineer Battalion (Schofield Barracks, HI); Operations SGM, 503rd Military Police Battalion, (Fort Liberty, NC).



CSM Talley's military education include: Warrior Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Company Commander and First Sergeant Course, United States Army Sergeant Major Academy (USASMA), CSM Pre-Command Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Course (SHARP), Airborne, Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC), Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Combatives, and the United States Army Recruiter Course. His civilian education includes a Master of Arts from the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP), a Bachelor of Arts from Excelsior College, an Associate's Degree from Central Texas College, and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.

His awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (4th Award), Kosovo Campaign Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM), Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Driver/Mechanic Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and Gold Recruiter Badge. He is also a recipient of the coveted Glen E. Morrell medallion and the Bronze De Fleury Award.

CSM Talley is married.