



U.S. Expeditionary Contracting Command

Command Sergeant Major Richard M. Petersen

Command Sergeant Major, 410th Contracting Support Brigade



CSM Richard M. Petersen is Command Sergeant Major of the 410th Contracting Support Brigade, Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA). As the Command Sergeant Major, CSM Petersen serves as the primary advisor to the Commander on all matters pertaining to contracting and enlisted personnel assigned to the command, particularly in areas related to their training, development, quality of life, and the well-being of Soldiers and their families. CSM Petersen also responds to the concerns of the civilian employees of the command and performs community outreach activities.

During his career, CSM Petersen served in a number of enlisted leadership positions. He has completed overseas tours in Germany, as well as a combat tours in Southwest Asia during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CSM Richard Petersen was born in Eldora, Iowa, and entered the Military in November 1987 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, where he completed Marine Corps Boot Camp. He attended Advanced Individual Training at Camp Johnson, North Carolina, and graduated as a Supply Administration Specialist (3043).

His duty assignments in the Marine Corps were with the 3rd Marine Division, Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as a Supply Administration Specialist for the 2nd FSSG SMU, Camp Pendleton, California. He also served as a Commercial Items Support Specialist and the NCOIC of the first OCR Micrographics Section in the USMC. He was discharged from active duty in December 1991 after four years of honorable service; in addition, he entered the Wyoming Air National Guard, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and served as an Aircraft Pneudraulics Mechanic with the 153rd Airlift Squadron. In 1993, he transferred into the active Army with the 158th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas, as a 76Y and served as a Supply Specialist/Unit Armorer. CSM Petersen served in multiple 92Y positions with units such as: 13th COSCOM, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 555th Combat Engineer Group, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and the 68th Combat Support Brigade. From 2004-2008, CSM Petersen was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, and in January 2008 reclassified into the Army's newest MOS (51C), Contingency Contracting, where he served with the 411th Contracting Support Brigade. He served as the interim Sergeant Major for the 412th Contracting Support Brigade, Joint Base San Antonio, from 2009-2010 and after attending Sergeants Major Academy in 2011 served as the Sergeant Major at the 902nd Contingency Contracting Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McCord.

In 2011, CSM Petersen graduated from Class 61 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. His military training and education also includes Combat Lifesavers Course, Equal Opportunity Advisors Course, Unit Prevention Leaders Course, USMC Supply Administration Course, USMC NBC Course, Air Force Pneudraulics Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Drill Sergeant School, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and various Defense Acquisition University Courses. CSM Petersen is a Level 3 DAWIA Certified Contingency Contracting Officer and a member of the Acquisition Corps. CSM Petersen holds a Masters Degree in Management and Leadership with honors from Webster University.

CSM Petersen's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd BSS), Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Marine Corps Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (2nd BSS), Kosovo Campaign Ribbon (1st BSS), Iraq Campaign Medal (2nd BSS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (1st BSS), NATO Ribbon (1st BSS), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Ribbon (Kuwait), Army Superior Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Drill Sergeant Badge, Army Aviation Badge, and the Drivers/Mechanics Badge. He is also a recipient of the Honorable Quartermaster Order of St. Martin.