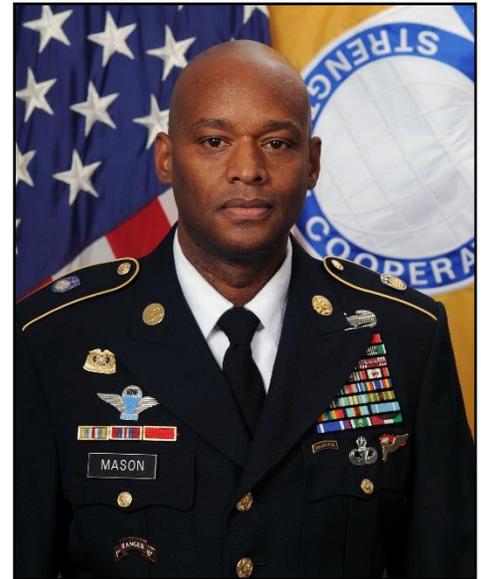


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CSM Dana S. Mason, Jr., is a native of Steubenville, Ohio. He entered the United States Army in 1985 as a Unit Supply Specialist and completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. During his career he served as a Supply Clerk, Supply Sergeant, Squad Leader, Property Book Office Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), S4 NCOIC, Platoon Sergeant, G4 NCOIC, First Sergeant, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Brigade Command Sergeant Major, and his current position as the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command located at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.



Command Sgt. Maj. Mason's previous assignments include U.S. Army Information Systems Command-Pentagon; Bravo Battery, 1/319th Field Artillery, 82d Airborne Division; Alpha Company, 1/3d Special Forces Group; Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) 1/5th Cavalry; HHC 1/75th Ranger Regiment; 4th Ranger Training Battalion; and 8th United States Army G4.

Mason's previous leadership positions include First Sergeant, HHC 501st Combat Support Group; First Sergeant, United Nations Command Honor Guard Company; Command Sergeant Major, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 1st Armored Division (AD); Command Sergeant Major, Headquarter and Headquarter Battalion, 1st AD; Command Sergeant Major, 407th Brigade Support Battalion, 2d BCT, 82d Airborne; and Command Sergeant Major, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Courses; First Sergeants Course; U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Course Class# 58; Airborne School; Ranger School; Jumpmaster School; Pathfinder School; Master Fitness Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course (Level C); Standard Property Book System Revised; Small Arms Maintenance Course; Manpower and Force Management Course; and the Sing Load Inspectors Course. He holds a bachelor of science degree in liberal studies from Excelsior College and a master's of education in organizational leadership from Northcentral University.

Mason's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (9th AWD), National Defense Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service Medal (4 BS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 BS), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 BS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 4), United Nations Medal, NATO Ribbon, Liberation of Kuwait Medal (S), Liberation of Kuwait Medal (K), Joint Service Meritorious Unit Ribbon, Army Valorous Unit Award Ribbon, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Drivers Badge, German Parachutist Badge, Botswana Defense Force Parachutist Badge, Chilean Parachutist Badge, German Schutzenschnur Badge.

CSM Mason is married and has two children.