

Command Sergeant Major Deonarine Heera
United States Army (Retired)
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CSM Deonarine Heera is a native of the former British Guyana. He enlisted in the United States Army in July 1971, and attended Initial Entry Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Besides Fort Jackson, CSM Heera has been stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Carson, Colorado; Camp McGregor, New Mexico, the Republic of Korea; Panama and Fort Lewis, Washington.

Among his noncommissioned officer assignments, CSM Heera served as TOW section leader (2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division); both a drill sergeant and senior drill sergeant at U.S. Army training centers and as a platoon sergeant in Korea with Company A, 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry Division.

CSM Heera also served as a platoon sergeant and, later, a first sergeant with Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, 7th Infantry Division. It was with this unit that earned a Combat Infantryman Badge while participating in *Operation Just Cause* in Panama during December 1989.

CSM Heera has filled command sergeants major positions in the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, Task Force XXI; Fourth Region (ROTC) and as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Puerto Rican Army National Guard.

CSM Heera retired from active duty in September 2000. He has been the Army Instructor for the Junior ROTC program at Brockton High School since September 2001.

His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course (PDLC); Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses; Airborne School; Unit Supply School; Air Assault School; Ranger School; Drill Sergeant School; Instructor School; Air Movement School; Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) School; the French Army's Commando Jungle Survival School; U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy; Senior ROTC Instructors' Course and the Junior ROTC Instructors' Course.

Among CSM Heera's awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Army Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab and Drill Sergeants Identification Badge.

CSM Heera is married to the former Ann Marie Fortarezzo. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.