

Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Mark L. Farley, Deputy Assistant Commandant, United State Army Military Police School, was born in Kentucky and graduated Military Police One Station Unit Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama in Nov 1977. He retired from the United States Army on 30 Sep 2009 after serving 32 years on active duty. During his career Command Sergeant Major Farley served as a Team Leader, Squad Leader, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Air NCO, Operations Sergeant, Detachment Sergeant, Bn and Bde S-3 Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant, First Sergeant Course Instructor, Senior Instructor, Chief Instructor and Command Sergeant Major. His career culminated as the sixth Command Senior Enlisted Leader, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart Germany. CSM Farley provided an enlisted perspective on strategic engagements and provided oversight for the morale, welfare, training, quality of life, and the good order and discipline of more than 200,000 US military personnel, and their families, serving in 92 countries within Europe, Africa, and Eurasia.



CSM Farley served 40 months as the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC) CSM through September, 2006. During his tenure he witnessed the stand up of the 94 Air Missile Defense Command, the 311th Theater Signal Command, the 8th Military Police Brigade, an Engineer Battalion, and aviation units that moved from Korea to Hawaii. CSM Farley played a tremendous role in ensuring USARPAC units remained mission ready to support any contingency operation, with over 7,000 soldiers deploying in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT). He was most proud of the progress USARPAC made with the enlisted professional development of foreign armies from nations around the Pacific, including, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, and Mongolia.

His other assignments include B Btry 2/56th ADA, Landau, Germany; 127th MP Company, Hanau, Germany; HHC 194th Armored Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Co E, 10th MP Bn, Fort McClellan, Alabama; 615th MP Co, Illesheim, Germany; 118th MP Co, (Airborne), HHD, 503d MP Bn (ABN), HHC, 16th MP Brigade (ABN) and 65th MP Co, (ABN), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; United States Army First Sergeant Course, Fort Bliss, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, 504th MP Bn; Command Sergeant Major, MP Bde, Hawaii; Command Sergeant Major, Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood. CSM Farley also participated in numerous deployments including Panama, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

His military and civilian education includes Primary Leadership Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, Class 48 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Keystone Course. He is also a graduate of the Small Group Instructor Training Course, Training Developers Middle Managers Course, Drill Sergeant School, Special Reaction Team Course, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault School, Jumpmaster School, Drop Zone Support Team Leader Course and Ranger School. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree (Summa Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice Administration: Law Enforcement, from Park College, and a Masters Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (1OLC), MSM (3OLC), ARCOM (4OLC), AAM (2OLC), Good Conduct Medal (10th Award), National Defense Service Medal w/ bronze service star, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/ 2 bronze service stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal w/ 2 bronze service stars, NCOPDR w/ numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon w/ numeral 5, Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3OLC), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Drill Sergeant Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

In 2010, USARPAC honored CSM Farley's contributions to the Pacific Command by naming the award to annually recognize the "Best MP Company in USARPAC" as the "Command Sergeant Major Mark L. Farley award".

CSM Farley has recently been selected for induction into the Military Police Hall of Fame in September 2013.