



Command Sergeant Major Glen Vela



Command Sergeant Major Glen Vela was born in Dallas, Texas. He volunteered for service and took the oath of enlistment on January 15, 1985, and subsequently completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

His past assignments include Command Sergeant Major, 166th Aviation Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; III Corps, CMMC Aviation Maintenance Sergeant Major, Fort Hood, Texas; First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; First Sergeant, C Company 1-4 Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Attack NCO Trainer, National Training Center, Operations Group, Fort Irwin, California; Aviation Maintenance Manager, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado; Platoon Sergeant, Q Troop 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado; Platoon Sergeant, A Company, 1-1 Aviation Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Katterbach, Germany; AH-64 Apache Aircraft Technical Inspector, 3rd Infantry Division, Katterbach, Germany, and Crew Chief, A Company 1-4 Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. His deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom 01, Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08, Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-10 and Operation Enduring Freedom 11-12.

Command Sergeant Major Vela's military and civilian education includes Advanced Individual Training MOS 67Y1O and 67R1O, Primary Leadership Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, Aviation Accident Prevention Course, Equal Opportunity Representative Course, and the Army Retention Course. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Sergeants Major Course Class 55 and holds an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in Administration Management from Excelsior College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, NATO Medal, Air Medal (Numeral 3), Army Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Eight Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal Ninth award, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Two Campaign Stars, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Four Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 6), the Combat Action Badge, and the Master Aviation Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Vela is married to the former Kathryn A. Bowen from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have two children, Melinda, 23, and Andrew, 19.