

## **CSM Richard C. Pyles**

### **32d Army Air & Missile Defense Command**

Command Sergeant Major Richard C. Pyles Jr. is originally from Clinton, Maryland. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 28, 1997 and attended Basic Combat Training at Ft Sill, OK and Advanced Individual Training at Ft Bliss, TX as an Air Defense Tactical Operations Center Operator. He and his wife, Venessa, are the proud parents of five children.



His assignments include: 35th ADA Brigade, at Osan AB, South Korea; 1-362 ADA, at Camp Atterbury, IN; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and HHB, 3-43 ADA, Ft Bliss, TX; Delta Battery, 2-6 ADA, Charlie Battery, 3-6 ADA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4-3 ADA, Ft Sill, OK; Echo Battery 6-52 ADA, Suwon AB, South Korea; Joint Readiness Training Center at Ft Polk, LA; 3-62 ADA and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Ft Drum, NY; 1-62 ADA at Schofield Barracks, HI.

Command Sergeant Major Pyles has served in a variety of positions to include Battalion- and Brigade Command Sergeant Major, Operations Sergeant Major, Battery First Sergeant, Observer Controller, Operations Sergeant, Air Defense and Airspace Management Cell noncommissioned officer in charge, Platoon Sergeant, Early Warning Squad Leader, Early Warning Team Sergeant, and Early Warning Operator.

Command Sergeant Major Pyles has deployed three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Driver's Badge. He is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Command Sergeant Major Pyles' military education includes: United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, Air Defense Artillery Airspace Coordination Digital Course, Multi-TDL Advanced Joint Interoperability Course, Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor Course, Joint Tactical Information Distribution System Course, JRTC Observer/Controller Course, Observer/Controller Academy, Airlift Planner, Airborne School, and Air Assault School. He holds an associate's degree in business management.