



1SG (Ret) Steven R. Pritchett

1SG Pritchett was born December 24th 1968 in Celina Ohio. He Enlisted in the United States Army on February 7th 1989 from Miami Florida. He attended Basic Training at Ft. Dix New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Eustis Virginia; graduating with Honors as a Cobra Attack Helicopter Mechanic. His first duty assignment was to F Company, 4th Aviation Regiment, Ft. Carson Colorado. In October 1991 1SG Pritchett returned to Ft. Eustis and re-classified to Military Occupational Specialty 67U, Chinook Helicopter Mechanic, where he again graduated with honors.

After his initial duty assignment 1SG Pritchett's subsequent assignments have included two tours with 2nd Battalion 501st Aviation, Camp Humphreys, Korea; two tours with 2nd Battalion 159th Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield Georgia; one tour with the 502nd Aviation Regiment, Southern European Task Force, Aviano Italy; one tour with 4th Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Katterbach, Germany; one tour with 110th Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker Alabama, one tour with 6th Squadron 17th Cavalry Regiment, and one tour with 2nd Battalion 52nd Aviation, Ft Wainwright, Alaska.

As a Noncommissioned Officer 1SG Pritchett served in nearly every Aviation leadership position including; Phase Team Leader, Squad Leader, Flight Engineer, Flight Engineer Trainer, Quality Control Supervisor, Production Control Supervisor, Operations Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Detachment Sergeant, First Sergeant, and as Battalion Sergeant Major. Additionally 1SG Pritchett served as a Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor for the 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division with additional duty assignment as the Master Gunner and Force Protection NCO while deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1SG Pritchett's deployments and combat tours include: Bosnia and Croatia (1995), Albania (1996), Honduras (1998), Iraq (2004), Iraq (2008), Pakistan (2009).

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, seven Army Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal- Combat Service with two stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, three Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, five Overseas Service Ribbons, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award and the Master Aircraft Crewmember Badge.

1SG Pritchett attended four levels of Army Noncommissioned Officer Education. Additionally, he holds an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Learning from the University of Louisville graduating Magna Cum Laude.

1SG Pritchett is married to his lovely wife Kris of Vermilion, Ohio. They have five children: Josh, Alex, Steffani, Nicole, and Cole.