

CSM Derryl D. Valk  
71st Ordnance Group (EOD)



CSM Derryl D. Valk enlisted in the Army from his home state of California. He attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, as an explosive ordnance disposal assistant (55D10).

Valk's assignments include 146<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Detachment (EOD), STAS, Newburgh, New York; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Logistical Support Unit, Sinai, Egypt; 146<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Detachment (EOD), STAS, Newburgh New York; 259<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Detachment (EOD), Fort Irwin, California; HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TAACOM, Taegu, Korea; 8<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Detachment (EOD), Camp Red Cloud, Korea; EOD Training Department, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; 718<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD), Camp Red Cloud, Korea; 787<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD), Moffett Field, California; 718<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) Camp Red Cloud, Yongsan Garrison, Korea; EOD Training Detachment/Battalion (PROV), Eglin AFB, Florida; 52d Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 242d Ordnance Battalion (EOD) Fort Carson; and 71<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Carson. His operational deployments include Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Valk's duty positions include explosive ordnance disposal team member and team leader; senior instructor/writer; senior trainer developer, platoon sergeant; company, battalion, group and TAACOM; operations noncommissioned officer; sergeant; first sergeant; and battalion command sergeant major. Valk's military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He currently holds a Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Security and Masters of Arts in Security Management from American Military University.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (ninth award), National Defense Service Medal (second award), South West Asia Service Medal (three bronze service stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two bronze service stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 5), NATO Service Medal, Multinational Forces and Observers (numeral 2), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Drivers Badge (wheel), Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge, and the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.