

Command Sergeant Major Ray Donald Lane

Command Sergeant Major Ray D. Lane was born on November 20, 1958 in West Palm Beach, Florida to Mr. Leroy Land and Mrs. Estella Lane. His early education was in West Palm Beach, Florida Culminating at Palm Beach Gardens High School, when he enlisted In the United States Army, October 18, 1976. He was baptized at an early age and was a member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Riviera Beach, Florida.

CSM Lane had an exceptional and distinguished military career serving his country with great honor for over 33 years. He was the Command Sergeant Major to the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency/Commander, Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations since 2008. He previously Served as the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command-Life Cycle Management Command and Fort Monmouth. He also served as the 160th Signal Brigade Command Sergeant Major, where he managed the health, Welfare and morale of signal-commercialization forces throughout Southwest Asia during OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM2 and 3. He also served as the Senior Signal Enlisted Advisor for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOW-1, Coalition Joint Task Force-Seven (CJTF-7), Task Force Signal, and the 22d Signal Brigade During V Corps' decisive victory over the Iraqi Army.

CSM Lane was inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club in 1986, and later; the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. His Awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (posthumously), the Legion of Merit (2nd award), Bronze Star (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medals (5th award), Army Commendation Medals (3rd award), Army Achievement Medals (6th award), the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals, Drill Sergeant Badge, both the Order of Mercury and Honorable Order Of Saint Barbara Medals, Sergeant Morales and Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallions, the German Marksmanship Badge, the Combat Action Badge and many others.

He is the Honor Graduate of Advanced Individual Training, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course. He is a graduate of Class 48, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the Command Sergeants Major Course, Keystone National Defense University (Joint), Force Management Course, and the Master Fitness Course.

CSM Lane received an Associate of Arts degree from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Mckendree College, with a minor in Computer Science, a Masters of Business Administration from Touro University International.

CSM Lane passed way on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. He leaves to Cherish his memories his daughter, Natasha Villarejo-Ruiz, his Mother, Mrs. Estella Lane, five granddaughters; Korean Lane Nicholson, Hennessy Nicholson, Aaliyah Rae Villarejo-Ruiz, Ellis Diane Villarejo-Ruiz, Grace Venetia Villarejo-Ruiz, five brothers; Henry Lane (Taryn), Robert Lane (Elaine), Edward Lane, Anthony Lane (Stephanie); Christopher Lane, (Sharnette) three sisters; Sharon Bentley (Arthur), Jersul Lane-Howard (Flint), Patrice Brothers (Christopher); two aunts: Elizabeth Cowart and Betty Jean Howard, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.