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CSM John D. Tanchak

CSM John D. Tanchak enlisted in the Army in 1998. He attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training for the Military Occupational Specialty of 56M, chaplain assistant, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. CSM Tanchak has held many leadership positions from squad leader to first sergeant and Garrison CSM.

CSM Tanchak's assignments include: chapel NCOIC for HQ CO, HQ CMD, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA; chaplain assistant NCO and squad leader for the 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment; Brigade Unit Ministry Team NCOIC for 1st Brigade, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; Brigade Unit Ministry Team NCOIC, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade; Unit Ministry Team NCOIC, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; Unit Ministry Team NCOIC, Tier 1 Special Mission Unit; First Sergeant for HHD, 1st Army, Division East and Garrison CSM for USAG Okinawa, Japan. He has multiple deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Kuwait.

CSM Tanchak's military and civilian education include: all NCOES schools, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Unit Victim Advocate Course, Combative Level 1, Special Operations Training Course, Battle Staff Course, Emergence Medical Ministry Course, SERE High Risk, SERE 215/245, Jumpmaster Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, and class 66 United States Army Sergeants Major Course. He has an Associate of Arts Degree from Campbell University, Fayetteville, NC; Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Science from Grantham University, St. Louis, MO.

CSM Tanchak's awards and accomplishments include: the Defensive Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Valorous Unit Award (2002) Operation Enduring Freedom, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2BS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2BS), Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Oversea Service Ribbon (2), NATO Medal (2); Combat Action Badge, Jumpmaster Badge (Master Rated), Basic Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Driver Badge, the Army Physical Fitness Award, and a recipient of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award.

CSM Tanchak is married to the former Jennifer Marcum, of Columbus, OH. They are the proud parents of one daughter.



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