



Command Sergeant Major Frank T. Suri

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CSM Frank T. Suri was raised in Riverview, Florida and joined the Army in October 1989. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Excelsior College and a master's degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

CSM Suri began his military career as an Infantry Airborne PVT assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. As a Mortarman, PFC Suri deployed with the 1st Infantry Division in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm and earned the Combat Infantry Badge. It was during this deployment where he experienced the impact of Army Bands in a wartime environment. As a former high school musician, this inspired him to pursue a career as an Army Musician. Upon returning from Desert Storm, SGT Suri began studying music at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas and quickly transitioned to the Army Music career field.

CSM Suri has been privileged to entertain audiences worldwide as instrumentalist, vocalist and conductor.

CSM Suri has completed every Non Commissioned Officer Course available and graduated the Sergeants Major Academy in May of 2007, Class '58. CSM Suri's assignments include the 1st Infantry Division Band, Fort Riley, Kansas; 14th Army Band Fort McClellan, Alabama; the 9th Army Band, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; the US Army School of Music, Norfolk Virginia, where CSM Suri served as an Instructor and Deputy Commandant of the NCO Academy; Fort Bliss, Texas where CSM Suri served as First Sergeant of the 62nd Army Band; Fort Lewis, Washington, where CSM Suri served as the first ever Band Sergeant Major of the 56th Army Band deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; the 323 Medical Command Band, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and the USAREUR Band and Chorus, Sembach, Germany.

CSM Suri is married with three sons.