



Command Sergeant Major Daniel P. Welch was born in Almeria, Spain and grew up in the Atlanta, Georgia area. CSM Welch enlisted in the U.S. Army in November of 2001, completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at the U.S. Army School of Music at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. His previous duty assignments include the 36th Army Band, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; the United States Army Europe Band and Chorus, Heidelberg, Germany; the 1st Armored Division Band, Wiesbaden, Germany; the United States Army Japan Band, Camp Zama, Japan; the 8th Army Band, Yongsan, South Korea; as First Sergeant at the 282nd Army Band, Fort Jackson, South Carolina and the United States Army Japan Band. His most recent assignment was as Band Sergeant Major for the 1st Cavalry Division Band, Fort Cavazos, Texas. In 2010, as part of the 1st AD Band, CSM Welch deployed to Camp Liberty, Iraq for 12-months in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

CSM Welch's military education includes the Basic Leader Course, where he was the Distinguished Honor Graduate, along with the Advanced and Senior Leader Courses, Safety Officer Course, Master Resiliency Trainer Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, and Battalion Pre-Command Course. CSM Welch is a Commandant's List graduate of Sergeant Major Course Class 72 at the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, Fort Bliss Texas.

CSM Welch's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (9th Award), Meritorious Unit Citation, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. Additionally, he has earned both the German Marksmanship (Bronze) and Physical Fitness (Gold) Badges. CSM Welch has led his music performance teams to win two Army-level awards in 2012 and 2013. In 2012, he was named Army Music's Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. CSM Welch was also inducted into Camp Zama's "Ichi Dan" Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in 2014.

CSM Welch holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Berry College in Rome, Georgia and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University. He is an avid runner, having completed 22 full and ultra-marathons, including the 2017 JFK 50-mile in Boonsboro, Maryland. CSM Welch is married.