

### 3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION TAC NCO

## SERGEANT MAJOR ISAAC RAGUSA III

United States Army

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The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina-- as of January, 2020

CSM (ret) Isaac Ragusa III is a native of Norristown, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the United States Army in June of 1989 as an Infantryman. CSM Ragusa is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion TAC NCO at The Citadel after 30 years of active duty service. While on active duty He has served as the Chief Military Science Instructor for The Citadel (The military College of South Carolina) Army ROTC Program, CSM (ret) Ragusa has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major.

His assignments include: Command Sergeant Major of The United States Army Marksmanship Unit at Ft Benning, GA; Command Sergeant Major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 2-8 Infantry Regiment 4thID, Ft Carson, CO; Command Sergeant Major of the 4-6<sup>th</sup> IN BN and 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 5<sup>th</sup> BCT 1AD, FT Bliss, TX; Command Sergeant Major and Operations Sergeant Major of the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion 508 PIR, 82D ABN at Ft Bragg, NC; ISG Bco and HHC 3-504th PIR, 82D at FT Bragg, NC; Scout Platoon Sergeant and A co Platoon Sergeant 3-504th PIR, 82D ABN at FT Bragg, NC; Instructor, Long Range Reconnaissance Course, 4th Ranger Training Battalion at FT Benning, GA; Team Leader, Long Range Surveillance Company XVIIIth Airborne Corps FT Bragg NC; Team Leader, Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 2nd AD at FT Hood, TX; Scout Observer, Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 5th ID Mechanized at FT Polk, LA; Machine Gunner 4-6th Infantry Battalion, 5th Infantry Division FT Polk, LA.

CSM (ret) Ragusa is a graduate of many schools including PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOG, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 58, The Foundation Instructor Facilitator Course (FIFC), the Ranger course 7-92, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Air Assault School, the Pathfinder Course, Marine Corps Amphibious Reconnaissance School, Long Range Reconnaissance School, US Army Sniper School and the Special Operations Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Course (SERE).

While attending USASMA CSM (ret) Ragusa achieved his associate's degree in Social Science.

**CSM (ret) Ragusa's Military Awards include:** the Bronze Star (5<sup>th</sup> award), the Meritorious Service Medal (6<sup>th</sup> award), the Army Commendation Medal (6<sup>th</sup> award), the Army Achievement Medal (4<sup>th</sup> award), the Valorous Unit Award (1OLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal (9<sup>th</sup> award), the National Defense Service Medal with BSS, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with BSS, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Campaign Medal, the NCO professional Development Ribbon (5<sup>th</sup> award), the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Malaysian Parachutist Badge, the Expert Infantrymen's Badge, and the Combat Infantrymen Badge with Star.

**CSM (ret) Ragusa's combat tours include:** Operation Just Cause Panama 1989, Bosnia 1998, Kosovo 1999, and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF-1 2003 and OEF-III 2007), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF-II 2004, OIF-III 2006 and OIF-IV 2012), The Strategic Quick Reactionary Force in Kuwait 2013-2014.

CSM (ret) Ragusa is married to the former **Mrs. Cynthia M. Almy whose awards include:** the Doctor Mary E. Walker Award, the Shield of Sparta, the Joan De' Arc, the Molly Pitcher, the Yellow Rose of Texas and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.