



# East Gate Dedication Ceremony

Honoring

CSM  
Plez W. "Trey"  
Summers

Camp Shelby

Joint Forces Training Center

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# CSM Summers' Bio

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A native of Brookhaven, Mississippi, Command Sergeant Major Summers' journey of service began long before he wore a uniform. A 1986 graduate of Brookhaven High School, his talent and determination on the football field earned him a scholarship to Mississippi College. There, he was a key member of the 1989 Division II National Champion Football Team, graduating in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

His military career began in 1988 when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He went on to earn his commission in 1990 from Jackson State University's ROTC program. In a move that speaks volumes of his character and commitment to leading soldiers at every level, he resigned his commission in 2002 to accept an Enlisted AGR position, choosing to continue his service in the non-commissioned officer corps.

Command Sergeant Major Summers has built a legacy of leadership across a remarkable breadth of assignments. He has served with distinction in the 20th Special Forces Group and the 1-155 Infantry Battalion. His service includes multiple combat deployments, deploying to Bosnia in 2001 as a Company Commander and serving two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, and First Sergeant.

His key assignments include:

- Company Commander
- Bradley Master Gunner, graduating with honors
- JFH State Master Gunner
- 66th Troop Command Operations Sergeants Major
- 1-155th CAB Command Sergeants Major
- 155th Operations Sergeants Major

In January 2023, he was appointed as the Command Sergeant Major of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, where he had a lasting impact on shaping the future of our force.

The legacy of Command Sergeant Major Summers is one of unwavering commitment and quiet professionalism. His extensive list of awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the prestigious Order of St. Maurice, only tells part of the story.

His true legacy lies in the soldiers he has led, the leaders he has mentored, and the standards of excellence he has set. From the football fields of Mississippi to the sands of Iraq, he has led from the front, embodying the warrior ethos and the values of the NCO Corps. Command Sergeant Major Summers represents the best of us—a leader, a mentor, a warrior, and a patriot."

# House Resolution 85

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Mississippi Legislature House Resolution 85:

Whereas, it is most appropriate to honor the sacrifice of Mississippi Servicemen, such as CSM Summers whose commitment to his family and his service to our country and the great state of Mississippi is a testament to his character, which made him a true American hero and a proud Mississippian.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, that we do hereby honor the life and service of Command Sergeant Major Plez William Summers III, and memorialize the dedication of the east gate entrance to Camp Shelby in his honor as the...

“CSM PLEZ “TREY” SUMMERS III EAST GATE”.



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