



United States Army Center for Initial Military Training

Staff Sergeant Mark W. Mercer 2015 Drill Sergeant of the Year Reserve Component

Drill Sergeant Mercer was born in Yukon, Oklahoma. He graduated from Yukon High School, Yukon, Oklahoma, and entered the United States Army in July of 2002. He completed Basic Combat Training in October 2002, and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty 68P (X-Ray Technologist) by completing Phase One in April 2003, and Phase Two in September 2003.



Drill Sergeant Mercer's assignments include: 2291st United States Army Hospital Section 3, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Alpha Company, 3/378th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 95th Infantry Division, Norman, Oklahoma. Drill Sergeant Mercer also served in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Drill Sergeant Mercer's military education includes the Warrior Leader Course, the Advanced Leader Course (Phases 1 and 2), Combatives Level 1, Drill Sergeant School, Foreign Combat Advisor Course, and the Combat Life Saver Course. Drill Sergeant Mercer is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Administrative Leadership.

Drill Sergeant Mercer's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal ('M'), NATO Medal, Basic Rifle Marksmanship Badge (Expert), Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, German Schuzenschnur (Bronze).

Drill Sergeant Mercer has distinguished himself as a member of the 95th Division's prestigious Sergeant Andrew Miller Club. He was named in 2010 as the 108th Training Command's Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. In 2015, Drill Sergeant Mercer was named as 95th Division's Drill Sergeant of the Year. He is currently serving as the Training and Doctrine Command's 2015 Drill Sergeant of the Year (Reserve Component) at the Center for Initial Military Training, Fort Eustis, Virginia.