

## **US Army JROTC Senior Army Instructor – Ayden Grifton High School**

First Sergeant (Retired) Carlos R. Melvin was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina in a family of seven. He graduated from Burke High School in 1994. He entered the United States Army in 1996. He conducted his Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

1SG (R) Melvin served in numerous positions throughout his military career to include: Commanders Driver, Track Vehicle Crewman, HEMTT Driver, Engineer Team Leader, Engineer Squad Leader, Facility Protection Service Instructor, Training Operations Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Senior Engineer NCO, S2 NCOIC, Future Operation and Training Readiness Oversight NCOIC, S3 NCOIC, S3 Sergeant Major, First Sergeant for HHC 532d Engineer Battalion (USARAK EN BN Provisional) 2d Engineer Brigade, Operations Sergeant of the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and First Sergeant for the 541<sup>st</sup> Sapper Company, 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Senior Military Instructor at Saint Augustine's University and Senior Military Instructor at East Carolina University. After over 25 years of military service, in 2021 he retired from the Army in his last assignment as the Senior Military Instructor at East Carolina University.

1SG (R) Melvin's Stateside assignments includes: 84<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) – Fort Polk, LA; Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Basic Combat Training (BCT) – Fort Jackson, SC; Charlie Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 79<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (BCT) – Fort Sill, OK; 541<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company, 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion – Fort Knox, KY; Saint Augustine's University – Raleigh, NC; and East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

His Overseas assignments includes: Charlie Company, 44<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion – Camp Howze, Korea; Charlie Company, 40<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion – Baumholder, Germany; 23<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion – Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), Alaska; Head Quarters, HHC, 2d Engineer Brigade – JBER, Alaska, HHC, United States Army Alaska (USARAK) Engineer Battalion (Provisional)

1SG (R) Melvin's Combat tours includes: Bagdad Iraq – Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Afghanistan – Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). His military education includes: Warrior Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course (Phase I and II), Senior Leaders Course, Drill Sergeant School, Total Army Instructor Trainer, Joint Engineer Operations Course, Master Resilience Training Course, Combatives Level I and II, Field Hygiene Sanitation Course, Unit Prevention Leader, Equal Opportunity Leader, Security Manager Course, Transport/Storage Hazmat 11, Combat Life Savers Course and Senior ROTC Pre-Command.

His civilian education includes: An Associate of Arts Degree with Central Texas College, a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministry with a Minor in Business Administrations with Wayland Baptist University, and an Executive Leadership Master's Degree with Liberty University.

1SG (R) Melvin Awards and Decorations includes: The Bronze Star Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal – 3 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), The Army Commendation Medal – 2 (OLC), The Army Achievement Medal 7 (OLC), The Valorous Unit Award, The Army Good Conduct Medal (8<sup>th</sup>), The National Service Defense Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal – Campaign Star, The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, The Korean Service Medal, The Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup>), The Military Outstanding Service Medal, The Army Service Ribbon, The Overseas Service Ribbon (6<sup>th</sup>), The Non Article 5 NATO Medal, the Drill Sergeant Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

1SG (R) Melvin is also a recipient of the Order of the De Fleury (Bronze) Medal for distinguished service to the Engineer Regiment. His hobbies are playing recreational sports and spending quality time with his family. 1SG (R) Melvin is married to his wife Shantell since July 1997 and they have five children.