

SGM Billy J. Atkinson

SGM Billy J. Atkinson was born in Othello, Washington on June 23, 1980. He graduated from Los Fresnos High School in 1999 and enlisted in the United States Army on 01 September 1999.

He currently has three beautiful children. His daughter, Andrea Jay, is 13 years old, his son, Billy Jr., is 11 years old, and his youngest son, Jesse Jay, who is nine years old. He is married to his lovely wife Adriana.

He currently holds a Master's degree in Management, Bachelor's degree in Homeland Security and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Instructional, Design, Development, and Evaluation at Syracuse University under the Fellowship Program.

His military education includes the Sergeants Major Course (Class 69); Commanders/First Sergeant Course; Senior Leader Course; Advance Leader Course; Basic Leader Course; 25L Advance Individual Training; Basic Combat Training; Common Faculty Development Instructor Course and Developer Course; Master Resilience Trainer Course, Battle Staff; Combative Level I; Combative Level II; Combative Level III; Network Nodal Management Course; Equal Opportunity Leaders Course; Operational Fitness Course; Field Sanitation Course; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Course; FBCB2 Course; Call Manager Course; Security +; Joint Regional Security Stack Training; Hazmat Familiarization Course; and the Combat Lifesaver Course.

His awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, second award; Army Commendation Medal, tenth award; Army Achievement Medal, seventh award; Army Good Conduct Medal, fifth award; National Defense Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal, one campaign star; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Medal, fifth award; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Ribbon; fifth award and the NATO Medal.

His deployments include a 12-month deployment with Charlie Company, 124th Signal Battalion, 4ID in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and a 10-month deployment with HHC, 11th TTSB in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His duty assignments include Charlie Company 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll, Korea; Cable Team Chief and Section Sergeant in Charlie Company 124th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Headquarters Platoon Sergeant and Operation NCO in Bravo Company 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll, Korea; Switch Section Sergeant and Logistical Support Shelter Platoon Sergeant in 54th Corps Signal Support Company Fort Hood, Texas; Cable Platoon Sergeant and Extension Node Platoon Sergeant in Alpha Company 304th TTSB, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Brigade S3 Platoon Sergeant and S3 Operations NCOIC in HHC, 11TH TTSB, Joint Network Control Center-Afghanistan SGM for Task Force Signal in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; First Sergeant for Charlie Company, 40th ESB; First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th ESB; Senior Enlisted Advisor and Plans and Exercise Planner for the USFK, J6; First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company 304th ESB; NETCOM DoDIN Fusion Center NCOIC; and currently a student for the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, United States Army Sergeant Majors Academy Fellowship Program.

He is currently a member of the prestige Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and a recipient of the Signal Corp Bronze Order of Mercury.