

Sergeant Major Todd Eipperle

SGM Eipperle joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1983 as a 31M Multi-Channel Communications Equipment Operator as a PV1 with the 234th Sig Bn, Co B., Marshalltown, IA. In 1989 he finished his initial enlistment.

After a 3 year break in service SGM Eipperle returned to the same unit in 1992, serving as a Signal Team Leader through 1996. In 1997 he transferred to the 194th Long Range Surveillance Detachment (Airborne) as a Commo SGT. After graduating from Basic Airborne course he completed 21 airborne jumps with the unit. He transferred to a Drill Sergeant Battalion within the 95th DIV, Army Reserves in 2000, serving two years as a Drill Sergeant. In 2002 he transferred back to the Iowa Army National Guard and served as a BNCOC Instructor with the 185th RTI on Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA. 2003-2004 he deployed with the 234th Sig Bn in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Signal Team Leader. In 2006 he returned to the 185th RTI as a TAC NCO/Platoon Trainer for Officer Candidate School. In 2010 he was promoted to MSG, serving as S6 NCOIC in 2nd BDE 34th IN DIV deploying to Afghanistan. During that deployment he was assigned as 1SG of an Embedded Training Team with the Afghan National Police as a Trainer. Towards the end of deployment he was wounded in a gun fight while exchanging gunfire with a rogue Afghan Police Officer. He was awarded a Bronze star with “V” device, Purple Heart, and Combat Action Badge. In 2012, he was assigned as 1SG of Military Intelligence Co B, STB, 2nd BDE, 34th IN DIV. In 2016, he was then assigned as 1SG of Joint Forces Headquarters, Iowa Army National Guard. In 2020 SGM Eipperle transferred to the Army Reserves and was assigned as G6 SGM for the 451st ESC in Wichita, KS. In 2021 he was selected to serve as Director of Instruction for 2nd-104th BN, 5th BDE (SC) 102 DIV (IT). SGM Eipperle finished his military career serving as G6 SGM of 1 TSC OCP/143rd ESC at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, 2022-2023, retiring on October 31, 2023.

SGM Eipperle is a graduate of Primary Leadership Development Course, Battle Focused Instructor Training course, Basic Airborne Course, Long Range Surveillance Leaders Course, Army Reserve Drill Sergeant School (Honor Grad), Master Fitness Trainer Course (Honor Grad), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Honor Grad), Tactics Trainer-Observer Course, Sergeants Major Course. He was also a member of the Iowa National Guard Marathon Running Team 1996-1999. SGM Eipperle is a graduate of Upper Iowa University with an Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts and retired from the Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America, serving in various leadership positions 20 years in Des Moines, IA.

SGM Eipperle's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" device, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (11th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and 30 year Hourglass Device (2nd Award), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (5th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Afghanistan Service Medal with ISAF Clasp, Iowa Meritorious Service Medal, Iowa Commendation Medal (3rd Award), Leadership Ribbon with Torch, Force Support Package Ribbon, State Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award), Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicle Clasp

SGM Eipperle lives in Ankeny, IA and is happily married to Julie; they have two adult children: Nicholas and Monica, and Granddaughter Lola.