



Command Sergeant Major Toese Tia Jr is a native of American Samoa. His Military career began at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on September 21, 1989. CSM Tia has served in a variety of positions and most recently served as the Command Sergeant Major United States Army Materiel Support Command-Korea.

CSM Tia has served in every enlisted leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He has numerous combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. CSM Tia led units in combat as a First Sergeant in the Army's 1st SBCT (3-2 SBCT) from 2003-2004 and 2006-2007. He served as the Multi-National Corps –Iraq C9 Sergeant Major during his third deployment to Iraq in 2009-2010. Assignments include: HSC 34th Engineers, 1st ID Fort Riley, KS; D Company, 782nd MSB (82nd Airborne) Fort Bragg, NC; Drill Sergeant, C Company 4-10 Inf BN BCT; Drill Sergeant, B Company 1-48th Inf BN BCT, Drill Sergeant Leader, Libby Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Drill Sergeant School, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Motor Sergeant, HHC 29th SG, 21st TSC; First Sergeant, 251st Cargo Transfer Company, 191st Ord BN, 21st TSC Kaiserslauter, Germany; Platoon Sergeant, Forward Maintenance Company, 296th BSB, 3-2 Stryker BDE; First Sergeant, HDC, A Company and B Company 296th BSB, 3-2 Stryker BDE, FT Lewis, WA; G9 Sergeant Major, I Corps JBLM; USARPAC G5 Sergeant Major - Security Cooperation Policy Division; Command Sergeant Major, 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th TSC, FT Shafter, HI; Sergeant Major, 45th Sustainment Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI. Command Sergeant Major, 6th Ordnance Battalion, 19th ESC and Command Sergeant Major United States Army Materiel Support Command-Korea, 19th ESC, 8th Army.

CSM Tia's military and professional education include: The Primary, Basic, and Advance Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, Jump Master School, Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course, Drill Sergeant School, Ranger School, Logistics Management Course, First Sergeant's Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Battalion Pre-Command Course and CSM Development Program. He is currently pursuing a degree in Business Management from Excelsior College, Albany, NY.

CSM Tia's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal (3rd award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (10th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/Bronze Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/ Silver Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korean Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award), Army Superior Unit Award (2nd Award), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), Overseas Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), Driver and Mechanics Badges, German Shutzenschnur-Silver, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge-Bronze, Air Assault Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Combat Action Badge. CSM Tia is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audi-Murphy Club and a recipient of the coveted Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe and the General Brehom B. Somervell Medal of Excellence.

CSM Tia is married to the former Mineretta M Gaoteote. They have four children: Palaie (23), Toese G III (21) (Cadet USMA West Point), AnaMalae (18) and Malae (9).