

CSM Alex Collins is a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina and he enlisted in the Army in April 1995 as a cannon crewmember.

He attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He reclassified to a 93C Air Traffic Controller and attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT), in June 2000 at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

CSM Collins has served as #1 Man, Driver, Gunner, Ammunition Team Chief, Ammunition Chief, Ground Control Approach/Army Flight Following Supervisor, Tower Chief, Corps Airspace Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge, Tactical Platoon Sergeant, Training Non-Commissioned Officer, Facility Chief, G3 Air/Aviation Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge, First Sergeant, Air Traffic Control Evaluation Sergeant, First Sergeant, Command Sergeant Major, First Sergeant and his last assignment was Battalion Sergeant Major 3-58<sup>th</sup> Airfield Operations Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His stateside assignments include Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Rucker, Alabama, Fort Stewart, Georgia, Fort Rucker, Alabama, Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His overseas assignments include Germany and Korea. He has deployed to Iraq three times, once to Afghanistan and once to Africa.

CSM Collins' military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Mobile Retention Training, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Joint Fire Power Control Course, Non-Commissioned Officer Leader Skills Inventory, Alcohol Drug Abuse Team, Advanced Non-Commissioned officer Course, Combat Life Savers Course, Hazmat Familiar/Safety Course, Commanders Safety Course, Personnel Recovery Fundamentals, Joint Combat Airspace Command & Control Course, Information Assurance Certification Program, Army SA Composite Risk Management, Company Commander/First Sergeant Course, Combative Level 1, Composite Risk Management, Aviation Composite Risk Management, Structured Self Development Level 4, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I & II, Master Resilience Training, Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course, Battle Staff Course, and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 69, Contingency Airfield management Course, and Structured Self Development Level 5 . His civilian education includes a high school diploma from Spartanburg High School, Associate in Business Management degree from Excelsior College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Workforce Development from United States Army Command and General Staff College.

CSM Collins' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (6th OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3rd OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd OLC), Army Superior Unit Award (2nd OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th award), National Defense Service Medal (1 star), Iraq Campaign Medal (4 stars), Afghan Campaign Medal (1 star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 6) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Master Aircraft Crewman Badge, Driver/Mechanic Wheel & Track Badge, and Marksmanship Qualification Badge Expert Pistol & Rifle.