# COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RAYMOD MCKNIGHT
## US Army, Retired



CSM Raymond McKnight distinguished himself as an exceptional Soldier over a 30-year career. He served as a Morse Code Operator in the jungles of Vietnam; an instructor at the Pensacola Detachment of the United States Army Intelligence Center and School; a First Sergeant for nine years; and Command Sergeant Major of the 704th MI Brigade, Field Station Berlin, and finally of the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM).

While serving as the Chief Instructor in Pensacola, CSM McKnight developed the MCT-4, an automated Morse code trainer capable of isolating characters that soldiers had difficulty identifying. This system replaced the reel-to-reel tapes of the early learning phase and automatically graded Soldiers' progress. The MCT-4 proved to be highly successful and was eventually adopted by all services.

CSM McKnight also made significant contributions while at INSCOM, beginning with the transition of Soldiers from a Cold War posture to performing peacekeeping, counternarcotics, and other relief efforts in the Balkans. During his tenure at INSCOM, CSM McKnight was also instrumental in enhancing support to both joint and Army Warfighters by ensuring the right Soldiers with the required occupational specialties were assigned to Joint Intelligence Centers providing intelligence at the Major Command and Joint Task Force levels.

Finally, CSM McKnight was responsible for the development and incorporation of a $1.2 million benefit association that assisted more than 2,000 Soldiers and family members in furthering their education, allowing several to receive associate, bachelors and master degrees.

CSM McKnight retired as the CSM at INSCOM in 1993.

CSM McKnight was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1998.