

Biography of  
**1SG MULIVAI A. MATAU**

1SG Mulivai A. Matau is a native of Fagasa, American Samoa. He entered the Army in July 1988 and attended OSUT training at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating as an Infantryman.

1SG Matau has served in many leadership positions, including Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Observer Controller, and Operations Sergeant.

1SG Matau overseas assignments include Fort Kobbe, Panama, Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry (Light). His stateside assignments include Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment; Fort Irwin, California, Golf Troop, 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (OPFOR); Observer Controller with the Tarantula Team, Fort Irwin, California, Operations Group; and HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (SBCT), Fort Lewis, Washington.

1SG Matau's military and civilian education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course; the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course; the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; the Instructor Training Course; the Battle Staff Course; the Ranger Course; the Basic and Advanced Airborne Course; the Pathfinder Course, and the Air Assault Course. He holds an Associates Degree from Parks University with a concentration in Business Management.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster); the Army Achievement Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster); National Defense Service Medal (w/bronze star); Humanitarian Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2); Global War on Terrorism medal; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Expert Infantryman's Badge; Pathfinder Badge; Air Assault Badge; the Jumpmaster Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

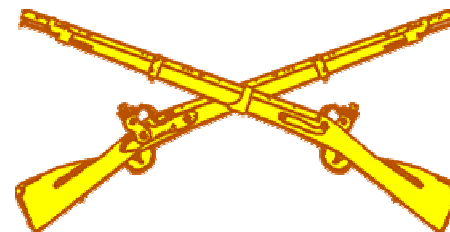
1SG Matau has been married to the former Tanja D. Cross of Dawn, Germany for almost 17 years. They have one son, Vai.



## **1st Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment**



### **Bravo Company Change of Responsibility Ceremony**



**Friday, 1 April 2005, 1000 Hours**

**Mosul, Iraq**

**Location: Bobcat Country Motorpool**



*Welcome to the Change of Responsibility Ceremony, for  
Bravo Company, "Death Masters"  
1st Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment  
Commander: CPT Steven J. Szilvassy  
Outgoing 1SG: 1SG Kirk F. Douglas  
Incoming 1SG: Mulivai A. Matau*

*Sequence of Events*

Arrival of the Official Party  
Invocation  
National Anthem  
Change of Responsibility  
Commander's Remarks  
Outgoing 1SG's Remarks  
Incoming 1SG's Remarks  
Benediction  
Closing of the Ceremony

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
1SG KIRK F. DOUGLAS**

1SG Kirk Douglas is a native of Albia, Iowa. He entered the Army in June 1981 and attended OSUT training at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating as an Infantryman.

1SG Douglas has served in many leadership positions, including Team Leader; Squad Leader; Weapons Section Sergeant; Platoon Sergeant; and First Sergeant.

1SG Douglas' overseas assignments include Operation Urgent Fury; Grenada, Korea and Operation Iraqi Freedom III, Iraq. His stateside assignments include the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Fort Drum, NY; Eight United States Army NCO Academy, Camp Jackson, Korea; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Fort Drum, NY; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, and Task Force 1, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA and most recently Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

1SG Douglas' military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course; the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course; the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; the First Sergeant Course; Airborne School; Ranger School; the Army Sniper School; the Machinegun Leaders Course; the Amphibious Reconnaissance Course; Special Operations Target Interdiction Course; Advance Airborne Course, and the Pathfinder Course.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead; the Global War on Terrorism Medal; the Humanitarian Service Medal; the Overseas Service Ribbon; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Superior Unit Award; the Ranger Tab; the Combat Infantryman's Badge; the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Wings; the Pathfinder Badge, and the Army Diver Badge.

1SG Douglas has been married to CPT Candace McNeil of no particular place for over eleven years. They have three sons, Nick, Eric, and Ian.