

## USADSA

### Thanks

The United States Army Drill Sergeant Association (USADSA) would like to thank CSM Michael Gragg Center for Initial Military Training; CSM Lamont Christian Post CSM Fort Jackson; CSM Charles Gilmer Commandant of the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy and SGM Edward Roderiques Deputy Commandant United State Army Drill Sergeant Academy for their organization, support and dedication to the preservation of the Association.

29 June 2016 a special meeting was held to elect a new treasurer. Mr. Ronald Jolly of Spartanburg, SC was nominated and was confirmed my majority vote. Mr. Jolly is a 26 year Army Veteran and served as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Jackson in the 1970's. We're excited to have him on board and look forward to working with him to further the association.

The purpose of USADSA is to create an organization that provides a national member outreach vehicle which seeks to capture and unify any and all soldiers that contributed to the historical legacy of the US Army Drill Sergeant Program. Through

unification, we can combined the memories and memorabilia of our members to weave together a cohesive tapestry of historical continuity and comradery. The association will then provide a living record that may be passed on through generations and shared by it members for decades to come.

Historical Items and Memorabilia can be sent to USADSA Attention: Gerald Simpson 208 Grinders Mill Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

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## USADSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The US Drill Sergeant Association is a sustainable nonprofit national member association established in spring 2014. Its Board of Directors were voted into office fall 2015.

### Board of Directors:

**President**

Mr. Gerald Simpson

**Vice President**

Mr. Michael Jones

**Secretary**

Mr. Stewart A. McVickers II

**Treasurer**

Mr. Ronald Jolly

**Sergeant of Arms**

(Vacant)

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### Explanation

The original founders of the USADSA recognized the great importance of establishing a symbol to represent the organization. Great thought and care was given to the design of the organization's logo and, like all historical Army symbols, each aspect of the logo has intentional purpose and meaning.

The final logo was introduced at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the US Army Drill Sergeant School.

To begin, the designers wanted the USADSA logo to reflect the entire 50 year timeline of the officially authorized US Army Drill Sergeant. This would ensure that all members could identify with the association symbol, be they of the first 1964 class or the newly graduated classes of today.

It was also important to the founders that the logo remain straightforward, sharp, and memorable, without adding unnecessary adornments. For these very characteristic epitomize

qualities of the US Army Drill Sergeant; direct, professional, and legendary Soldiers whose sacrificing job it is to train America's sons and daughters to become Soldiers who are "capable of defeating any enemy on today's modern battlefield".

With these priorities in mind, the above logo was created and the following mindful symbols of significance included:

The Drill Sergeant Badge symbolizes all Drill Sergeants, regardless of MOS or gender, and was placed in the center of the logo to represent the heart of the association and the badge worn by its elite Non-Commissioned Officers.

At the same time the Drill Sergeant Program was instituted, the M16A1 rifle was being fielded by Soldiers in the jungles of Vietnam. This rifle has also remained the most used training weapon in Basic Combat Training until the present day. The weapon's historical parallel with the Drill Sergeant timeline,

coupled with the fact it is has always been an integral part of Drill Sergeant duty to train weapon proficiency in BCT soldiers, made the M16A1 rifle the weapon of choice for the logo. Furthermore the M16A1, like the Drill Sergeant Program itself, has evolved and changed many times through the years but has remained steadfast in its ability to "defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies both foreign and domestic". Two rifles were chosen to symbolize Soldier teamwork and loyalty. No Drill Sergeant or Soldier is ever alone, there is always help to his/her left and right.

Lastly, the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, and Sergeant First Class capture the rank which an NCO, historically, must hold prior to earning the right to wear the coveted hat and badge and be known as Drill Sergeant.

### UPCOMING EVENTS;

The Drill Sergeant Academy will be conducting Drill Sergeant graduation ceremonies for;

- ❖ Class 010-17 graduates 09-Aug-17
- ❖ Class 011-17 graduates 23-Aug-17
- ❖ Class 012-17 graduates 06-Sep-17
- ❖ Class 013-17 graduates 20-Sep-17
- ❖ Class 014-17 graduates 01-Nov-17
- ❖ Class 015-17 graduates 08-Nov-17
- ❖ Class 016-17 graduates 22-Nov-17

Graduations are normally held at the Post Theater on Ft Jackson, SC. Please check with the Drill Sergeant Academy for ceremony times and possible location changes in advance. We urge you to attend the celebration for these outstanding new Drill Sergeants.

The TRADOC 2016 Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY) Competition was held at Fort Jackson Sep 2016 to determine the Active and Reserve Component DSOY winners. Please join us in congratulating last year's winners on their achievement in winning this prestigious honor. AC Winner was SSG Martin R. Delaney III and the RC Winner is SGT Ryan C. Moldovan.

The TRADOC 2017 Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY) Competition will be held at Fort Leonard Wood, MO Sep 2017.

The Drill Sergeant Association Will present each winner with a Life Time Membership to show our appreciation and to thank them for their dedication to the Drill Sergeant program.

The Drill Sergeant Association will be conducting an annual Board meeting during the week of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>; of Sep actual date to be determined; Drill Sergeant Hall of fame induction ceremony will be held 8 Sep 2017 at the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy on Fort Jackson SC. Actual times for the ceremony will be published later.

The 2016 Drill Sergeant Association scholarship winner was Mr. Zachary Jones son of a retired USAR Drill Sergeant. Mr. Jones will be attending College in TX. Best Wishes to Mr. Jones throughout his college endeavors.

Please visit our website at <http://www.drillsergeantassociation.com/>

Please feel free to provide comments, recommendations and or concerns to the Association. Thank you for your Service "This We'll Defend"