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Knowledge Management Advisor

Mr. Dan Elder has been employed by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) since 2008 following his retirement after a 26-year career as a Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army. He currently serves as a Battle Command Knowledge System (BCKS) Knowledge Management Specialist in support of III Corps and Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas.

Elder entered the Army in Dec 1981 and went on to serve in a variety of enlisted leadership positions from squad to major Army Command level. His assignments included duty as an instructor, drill sergeant, first sergeant, and on the staff of the Sergeants Major Academy as a lesson developer, culminating with 11 years experience as a Command Sergeant Major from battalion to ACOM. His operational deployment experience includes OPERATION Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina and OPERATION Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

He was awarded his Certification in Knowledge Management by the KM Professional Society and has an Associates Degree from Central Texas College. He is a graduate of all levels of NCOES and has completed the Command Sergeants Major Course, the Garrison CSM Course, the CSM Force Management Course and the National Defense University's Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course.

Elder is the founder of the original *NCO Website* and its successors *Squadleader.com* and *Firstsergeant.com*. He was awarded the first-ever Army Knowledge Management Pioneer Award in August 2003 by the Army CIO/G-6. In Oct. 2005 he donated his successful sites to the Army which became the BCKS NCONet, winner of an Army 2007 AKM Award. His other awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

He was selected to serve as the Command Sergeant Major for then incoming Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey's transition team where he interviewed senior enlisted leaders Army-wide. He was general editor and author for the Center of Military History's book *Sergeants Major of the Army*, and was a long serving Advisory Team member for the Army Research Institute. He authored the book *Educating Noncommissioned Officers* and has published numerous articles for various periodicals. He has consulted with publishers and authors for a number of other books, including *Guardians of the Republic*, *The Three Meter Zone*, and *The Shake and Bake Sergeant*.

Elder is an advisor to the Association of the United States Army National Headquarters and to militarysignatures.com. His volunteer work includes duties as curator of the *Center for the Advanced Studies of the United States Army Noncommissioned Officer*, board member for the 13th COSCOM Association, and he is a member of the Military Affairs Committee for the Temple, Texas, Chamber of Commerce.