



## Biography

### DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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#### ***Sergeant Major Matthew P. Baller*** **Senior Enlisted Advisor for Overseas Operations**

Army Sgt. Maj. Matthew P. Baller is the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) Senior Enlisted Advisor for Overseas Operations, a position he's held since July 2020. He is responsible for advising the DeCA Executive Director for Store Operations on enlisted service members' needs related to the commissary benefit and serving as the agency's overseas liaison to senior enlisted leaders of the armed services supporting areas within the European and Pacific communities.

The Europe and Pacific areas consist of 84 commissaries in 13 countries, and 57 of those stores are overseas. Sgt. Maj. Baller is stationed at the DeCA Europe Headquarters located on Kapaun Air Station, in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Sgt. Maj. Baller entered the Army in 1991 and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he graduated as a behavioral health specialist. He has held a variety leadership and expertise broadening assignments in the continental United States and overseas.

In 1999, he deployed to Eagle Base, Bosnia, where he served as the detachment sergeant for a Combat Stress Control Detachment in support of SFOR6. From October 2005 to November 2006, he deployed to Abu Ghraib, Iraq, where he served as a member of the Behavioral Science Consultation Team (BSCT) in support of the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC) during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He deployed again to Victory Base, Iraq, from September 2009 to September 2010 as the first sergeant for the 550<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company. While serving as the command sergeant major for the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, in December 2015, he deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where he served as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Military Hospital-Kuwait for nine months. Prior to assuming his current position, Sgt. Maj. Baller served as the command sergeant major, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade, Sembach, Germany, from April 2017 to January 2020. He also served as the interim command sergeant major, Regional Health Command-Europe, from January 2020 to July 2020 in direct support to the Coronavirus-19 pandemic.



#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit (1 oak leaf cluster)  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medical  
Meritorious Service Medal (5 oak leaf clusters)  
Army Commendation Medal (5 oak leaf clusters),  
Army Achievement Medal (7 oak leaf clusters),  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Citation  
Army Superior Unit Award  
Army Good Conduct Medal (9 bronze clasps)  
National Defense Service Medal (with campaign star)  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Iraqi Campaign Medal (with three campaign stars)  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 5)  
Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 5)  
NATO Medal  
Member of Sergeant Audie Murphy Club  
Honorary Member of the Sergeant Morales Club

### **EDUCATION**

(2017) Brigade Pre-Command Course (Fort Leavenworth, Missouri)  
(2015) Battalion Pre-Command Course (Fort Leavenworth, Missouri)  
(2015) Army Medicine Pre-Command Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(2013) Excelsior College –BS –Liberal Arts, Psychology (Albany, New York)  
(2013) Manpower and Force Management Course (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii)  
(2013) United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA), Fort Bliss, Texas)  
(2011) Equal Opportunity Advisor Course (Patrick Air Force Base, Florida)  
(2013) Pre-Command CSM BN Course, (Fort Leavenworth, Missouri)  
(2008) Operations Security Officer Course, Level II (Fort Bragg, North Carolina)  
(2007) Anti-Terrorism Officer Course (Fort Bragg, North Carolina)  
(2007) Security Manager’s Orientation Course (Fort Bragg, North Carolina)  
(2007) Battle Staff Course (Fort Bliss, Texas)  
(2004) Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(2003) Senior Leader Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(2003) Cadre Training Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(2002) Instructor Training Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(2002) Central Texas College –AAS –Law Enforcement (Killeen, Texas)  
(2000) Advance Leader Course (Joint Base San Antonio, Texas)  
(1998) Equal Opportunity Leader Course (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington)  
(1995) Basic Leader Course (Fort Knox, Kentucky)

### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

January 2020 - July 2020, Interim Command Sergeant Major, Regional Health Command Europe, Sembach, Germany  
2017 - 2020, Command Sergeant Major, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade, 21<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, Sembach, Germany  
2015 - 2017, Command Sergeant Major, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Brigade, Fort Carson, Colorado  
2013 - 2015, Sergeant Major (Chief Medical NCO), Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii  
2012 - 2013, Student, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas  
2011 - 2012, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Regional Health Command Atlantic, Fort Belvoir, Virginia  
2010 - 2011, Command Sergeant Major, 261<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion (Multifunctional), 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
2008 - 2011, First Sergeant, 550<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (Area Support), Fort Bragg, N.C.  
2007 - 2008, Senior Medical Intelligence NCO, 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
2006 - 2007, Detachment Sergeant and Senior Operations NCO, 187<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas  
2005 - 2006, Senior Behavioral Health NCO, Behavioral Science Consultation Team (BSCT), Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center, Abu Ghraib, Iraq  
2002 - 2005, Senior Instructor/Writer, Behavioral Health Specialist Course, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas  
1999 - 2002, Detachment Sergeant, 98<sup>th</sup> Combat Stress Control, 62<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington  
1996 - 1999, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany  
1993 - 1995, Shift Leader, Inpatient Psychiatry Services, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

2015, Command Sergeant Major  
2013, Sergeant Major  
2006, Master Sergeant  
2003, Sergeant First Class  
1999, Staff Sergeant  
1997, Sergeant

*(Current as of July 2020)*