



United States Army Center for Initial Military Training

Staff Sergeant (SSG) Samuel Adam Matlock 2024 Drill Sergeant of the Year (Active Component)

SSG Samuel Adam Matlock was born on 29 June 1994, in Anchorage, AK. He graduated from Mat-Su Career Tech High School in Wasilla, AK in 2012.

In 2013, SSG Matlock entered the United States Army One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty 31B – Military Police.



Following completion of OSUT with Echo Company, 787th Military Police Battalion, SSG Matlock served in assignments including the 297th Military Police Company, Alaska, Army National Guard, AK; 66th Military Police Company, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA; 108th Military Police Company, Fort Liberty, NC; and Alpha Company, 795th Military Police Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO. His previous duty positions include Gunner, Driver, Team Leader, Squad Leader, and Drill Sergeant. SSG Matlock currently serves as the Drill Sergeant of the Year for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. SSG Matlock was announced as the 2024 Drill Sergeant of the Year (Active Component) on 19 September 2024.

SSG Matlock's formal military education consists of Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Basic Leaders Course, Combat Life Saver, Combative Level 1, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Responder Course, Master Driver Trainer, Airborne, Advance Leaders Course, the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy, and Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Course. He is currently working on his Associate Degree in Science from Pierce College and has completed 57 credit hours.

SSG Matlock's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) and 2 Bronze OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 Bronze OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (2nd Award), Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver), Drivers Badge, Basic Marksmanship Badge (Expert), Parachutist Badge, Expert Soldier Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

SSG Matlock's short-term goals include scoring a 600 on the Army Combat Fitness Test, becoming Sapper qualified, and completing his Associate Degree in Kinesiology. His long-term goals include completing a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology, completing 30 years of federal service, and owning five rental properties.