Sergeant Major Ariel A. King, USA Senior Enlisted Advisor

Sergeant Major Ariel A. King assumed responsibilities as the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), the Department of Defense (DoD) Center of Excellence for human relations, on April 15, 2024.

Sergeant Major King serves as principal advisor to the DEOMI Commandant on mission effectiveness, utilization, training, readiness, development, and morale of 135 joint military and civilian faculty members. He provides a senior enlisted perspective on policies, curricula and resource issues impacting the professional development and education of the thousands of active duty, reserve,



guard and civilian Equal Opportunity Advisors world-wide in direct support of the DoD and Department of Homeland Security's Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Opportunity Employment programs execution.

Sergeant Major King is native of Colon, Republic of Panama. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1999. Since then, he completed each level of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System, including the First Sergeant Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 69). He also completed the Master Resiliency Trainer Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Support Operations Course, Operational Contract Support Course, Joint logistics Course, Airborne School, and Air Assault School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts from Excelsior college.

His assignments include: Allied Trade Specialist with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry in Vilseck, Germany; Squad Leader with the 25th Brigade Support Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM), Washington; Section Chief and Platoon Sergeant with the 542nd Support Maintenance Company at JBLM; Operations Sergeant at Camp As Sayliyah, Area Support Group-Qatar; Motor Sergeant with the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion at Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Platoon Sergeant and Maintenance Management NCO with the Echo Forward Support Company (FSC), 307th Engineer Battalion at Fort Liberty, North Carolina; First Sergeant with the Echo FSC, 2nd Engineer Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas; Support Operations Sergeant with the 123rd Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas; Army Logistics Noncommissioned Officer Academy Commandant and Assistant Commandant at Fort Gregg Adams, Virginia; Department Sergeant Major with the Track Metalworking and Recovery Department, 832nd Ordnance Battalion at Fort Gregg Adams; and Battalion Command Sergeant Major with the Group Support Battalion "Spartans", 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Sergeant Major King's major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (six award), Army Commendation Medal (six award), Army achievement Medal (seventh award), Valorous Unit

Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award. He is also a recipient of the United States Ordnance Corps Association Order of Samuel Sharpe.