



**1st Sgt. Paul J. Cottrell**  
**Senior Noncommissioned Officer**  
**Joint Test Activity (Army Element)**

1st Sgt. Paul J. Cottrell is currently assigned to the Army Joint Test Element at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in 2012. Cottrell serves as First Sergeant to the JTE Commander.

**CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2011 –2012: Personal Security Detachment Platoon Sergeant and Operations Sergeant, 18th Airborne Corps, Iraq  
2008 –2011: Platoon Sergeant, Heavy Weapons Infantry Platoon, 1st/325th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg  
2006 –2008: JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
2003 –2006: Heavy Weapons Squad Leader, 1st/325th, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
2001 –2003: Stryker section leader; 2nd/3rd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.  
2000 -2001: Rifleman and Team Leader; 1st/506th, 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea  
1997 -2000: Rifleman and RTO; 1st/502nd, 101st Infantry Division (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky.  
1994 -1997: Rifleman, M60 Gunner, and Radio Transmitter Operator; 2nd/87th Infantry (Light), 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**DEPLOYMENTS:**

2012: Operation Unified Response (Haiti)  
2011 –2012: Operation New Dawn (Iraq); USF-I (Kuwait)  
2010: Operation Enduring Freedom  
2005: Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)  
2003-2004: Operation Iraqi Freedom

**COLLEGE:**

Seeking B.S., Criminal Justice, Central Texas College

**SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

Army Stryker School; Airborne School; Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade-and-Below Course; Battle Staff Phase 1; Warrior Leaders Course (Commandant's List); Advance Leaders Course (Commandant's List); Senior Leaders Course; Air Assault School; Airborne School; Combatives Level 1; Train-the-Trainer IED-Defeat Counter IED Course; Army First Sergeant Course; Combat Life Savers Course; Army Unit Movement Officer Course; Army Hazmat Course; Infantry Light Fighter School; Antiterrorism Officer Basic Course; U.S. Army SERE High Risk (Level C); Army Advance Marksmanship Course; Battlefield Commander's Security Training Course; Army Hazardous Waste Management Course; Army Hazardous Material Awareness Course; Army PMCS Leaders Certification Course.

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal; (2) Joint Service Commendation medals; (10) Army Commendation medals, one for Valor; (7) Army Achievement medals; (6) Good Conduct medals; Korean Defense Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Combat Stars; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Combat Stars; Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2; (2) National Defense Service medals; Humanitarian Service Medal; NATO Medal; Badges: Expert Infantryman; Combat Infantryman; Parachutist; Air Assault; Drivers; German Parachutist; Ukrainian Parachutist; El Salvadorian Armed Forces Parachutist