

Cornelius T. Wade

Sergeant First Class Cornelius T. Wade enlisted in the United States Army in 1998 and completed basic training in Fort Benning, GA. During his time in service, he earned certificates in Organizational Leadership and Instructional Design from Western Kentucky University.

Given his exceptional capacity for instruction and leadership, Wade became a drill sergeant and was promoted Senior Drill Sergeant in 2006, assuming responsibility for coaching, mentoring, and transforming thousands of civilians into Army Soldiers. Following his assignment as a Drill Sergeant, SFC Wade went on to become a certified Army instructor, amassing over 2,000 hours of classroom instruction. As a military science instructor at the University of Rhode Island, SFC Wade trained hundreds of students on military processes and practices, including land navigation, first aid, small unit tactics and marksmanship. Additionally, he supervised the physical training plans for two universities.

SFC Wade is the recipient of several awards and medals to include two Bronze Stars and two Meritorious Service medals. He is also the recipient of campaign stars for his deployments to Iraq (2008) and Afghanistan (2012). Beyond his training and leadership qualities, SFC Wade proved himself a model of core Army values, becoming a certified Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) counselor, and developing a climate within his battalion that resulted in zero SHARP violations. Currently, SFC Wade works as a Military Science Instructor at the University of Rhode Island and is the Operations and Training NCOIC.