



# Military Service Award

## DUWAYNE “DUKE” HOBSON

Duke Hobson is the Section Chief of Deputy Registrar and Title Support Services (D.R.A.T.S.S.) with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. His section and units are responsible for administering statewide operational practices and procedures for Deputy Registrars, Ohio County Clerks of Courts of Common Pleas and Title Offices, and for supporting the more than 30 million auto titles issued annually to Ohio citizens. He is a recipient of the Department’s “Excellence in Service Award.”

Duke is a Vietnam-era veteran who has both an active and reserve military career that spans 33 years. He is a 2004 Honor Graduate of the Army’s Sergeants Major Academy and now holds the highest enlisted rank attainable as a Brigade Command Sergeant Major. Command Sergeant Major Hobson has been deployed twice, initially serving 14 months in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was previously assigned intermittent Division level responsibility in the U.S. Among his honors and recognitions are that he was awarded the Army Bronze Star; “Soldier of the Year” awarded by the United States Congress and “Soldier of the Year” awarded by the Ohio House of Representatives. As a Reserve Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, he also serves as a training officer for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard Unit and is a certified Master SCUBA Diver and Dive Master with the Department’s Dive Rescue, Search and Recovery Team.

Duke holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, LaTonya, have six children between them. The family resides in northeast Columbus.