Staff Sergeant Walker was born in Topeka, KS and enlisted in the Army in 2010. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated as an Infantryman.

His first duty assignment was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 508<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment 4<sup>th</sup> BCT 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He served as a Machine gunner, Assistant gunner, Rifleman, Fire Team Leader, Squad leader, and Weapons Squad leader. He deployed with the 82<sup>nd</sup> in support of Operation Enduring Freedom twice. His second assignment was with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT (Strike) 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He served as a Squad Leader, Section Leader, and Platoon Sergeant in a Heavy Weapons Company. He deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve with the 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV. SSG Walker was then assigned to the Chicago Recruiting Battalion for recruiting duty in 2018. He completed 4 years of recruiting before leaving active duty and joining the Kansas Army National Guard. He worked as an Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention NCO in Topeka, KS before being assigned to Kansas State University.

SSG Walker's military education includes Warrior Leaders Course, Infantry Advanced Leaders Course, Maneuver Senior Leaders Course, Army Recruiting College, and the Army National Guard Recruiter Course. He attended Army Airborne School and Air Assault School. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal 6 OLC, Army Achievement Medal 2 OLC, Army Good Conduct Medal 4<sup>th</sup> Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w 2 Campaign Stars, Inherent Resolve Campaign medal w Campaign Star, NCOPD Ribbon 3<sup>rd</sup> Award, Army Service Ribbon, Over Seas Service Ribbon 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Expert Infantry Badge.

SSG Walker currently resides in Topeka, KS. He is married to his wife Kayla. They have been married 11 years and have two daughters, Cameron (7) and Lilah (4).