



Command Sergeant Major
John T. Raines
13th Command Sergeant Major of the
Army National Guard
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BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES ARMY

Command Sergeant Major John T. Raines was appointed as the 13th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard on 1 February 2022.

He began his military career in August 1989 and has served in both the Army National Guard and United States Army for over 32 years. He completed basic military training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft Jackson, South Carolina and Ft. Gordon, GA. respectively before reclassifying as an Infantryman at Ft. Benning, GA. CSM Raines was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major on 1 May 2008. Prior to becoming the 13th ARNG CSM he was the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the MSNG, the MSARNG State CSM, the J3 Senior Enlisted Leader for US INDO-Pacific Command as well as holding numerous key leadership positions in the MSARNG. CSM Raines deployments include Desert Shield and Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has also been activated in support of Operation Noble Eagle as well as served in the Republic of Korea. CSM Raines has deployed all around South Asia and the Pacific coaching and mentoring joint US forces as well as numerous foreign partners in the INDO-PACOM region.



CSM Raines military and civilian education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System to include the Keystone Course and Nominative Leader Course at the US Army War College. He is also a fellow from the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. CSM Raines has a Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior College.

CSM Raines has received several decorations and awards some of which include the Legion of Merit (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), Mississippi Magnolia Cross, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Alabama Distinguished Service Medal, Governor of Alabama's Outstanding Enlisted Representative Award, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

CSM Raines is a native of Alabama and has been married to his wife Karen for 32+ years. They have a daughter, Stephanie. A son, Richard. A daughter in law Brittany with three granddaughters, Aubrey, Natalie, and Kloe.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Sergeant December 1, 1993
Staff Sergeant June 1, 1996
Sergeant First Class July 10, 2001
First Sergeant August 1, 2003
Sergeant Major May 1, 2008
Command Sergeant Major February 1, 2010

NCO Assignments

August 1993-November 1993, Infantry Fire Team Leader, 1/503rd Infantry Battalion (AASLT), Republic of Korea
November 1993-June 1994, Infantry Squad Leader, 1/503rd Infantry Battalion (AASLT), Republic of Korea
June 1994-December 1996, Infantry Weapons Sqd Leader, 2/327th Infantry Battalion (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, KY
December 1996-December 1997, Infantry Squad Leader, 2/327th Infantry Battalion (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, KY
December 1997-July 2001, Infantry Dismount Squad Leader, 1/167th Infantry Battalion, Leeds, AL.
July 2001-October 2001, Infantry Battalion Commo Chief, 1/167th Infantry Battalion, Talladega, AL
October 2001-May 2002, Infantry Platoon Sergeant, 1/167th Infantry Battalion, Anniston Army Depot (Activated)
May 2002-July 2004, Infantry First Sergeant, 1/167th Infantry Battalion, Pelham, AL.
July 2004-May 2008, 47th Civil Support Team First Sergeant, Mississippi Army National Guard, Flowood, MS
May 2008-June 2009, Combined Arms Battalion Operations SGM, 2-198th CAB, MSARNG, Senatobia, MS
June 2009-March 2010, Battalion CSM, 2-198th CAB, MSARNG, Q-West, Iraq
March 2010-December 2010, Combined Arms Battalion Operations SGM, 2-198th CAB, MSARNG, Senatobia, MS
December 2010-June 2011, NCOA Commandant, 2-154th RTI, MSARNG, Camp Shelby, MS
June 2011-October 2012, Regimental CSM, 154th RTI, MSARNG, Camp Shelby, MS
October 2012-March 2014, J3 Sergeant Major, MSNG, Jackson, MS
March 2014-July 2015, J3 Senior Enlisted Leader, USINDO-PACOM, Camp Smith, HI
July 2015-December 2016, MSARNG State CSM, MSARNG, Jackson, MS
December 2016-June 2021, MSNG Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Jackson, MS
June 2021- February 2022, Executive for CNGB- Senior Enlisted Advisor
February 2022- Present, 13th ARNG command Sergeant Major

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted National Guard Association of the United States
National Infantry Association
Association of the United States Army

STATE AWARDS, DECORATIONS, and OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Alabama Distinguished Service Medal
Mississippi Magnolia Cross
2000 Governors Outstanding Enlisted Representative Award (AL)
2000 Alabama Army NG NCO of the Year
Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion)

(Current as of FEBRUARY 2022)