

Command Sergeant Major Robert W. Graves



State Command Sergeant Major - North Carolina Army National Guard

Command Sergeant Major Robert W. Graves is the State Command Sergeant Major for the North Carolina Army National Guard. He serves as the enlisted advisor to the Deputy Adjutant General on all matters to include training, professional development, morale and over all readiness of the NCNG. His command oversight includes the six Major Subordinate Commands in the North Carolina Army National Guard which are the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, the 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 113th Sustainment Brigade, 139th Regiment Training and 60th Troop Command.

Command Sergeant Major Graves joined the North Carolina Army National Guard in 1977 and has served more than 38 years as a traditional Soldier. His first military occupational specialty was Field Artillery Fire Direction Control Specialist (13E). Since then he has served in various positions to include chart operator, computer operator and chief computer operator.

His dedication to excellence in his field ensured his selection as First Sergeant in two battalions, the 4th and 5th 113th Field Artillery battalions. He went on to become the battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 1st of the 113th Field Artillery in 1998.

After demonstrating even greater aptitude for leadership he was selected as the Command Sergeant Major of the 113th Field Artillery Brigade, the 30th Engineer Brigade and the 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 with the 30th Engineer Brigade. Upon his return from deployment he was appointed as the Army Forces Command Sergeant Major in 2007 where he served as the senior enlisted advisor to the Army Forces Commander. On 1 October 2012, the Adjutant General of North Carolina appointed him as the State Command Sergeant Major for the North Carolina Army National Guard.

His military education includes the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, the United States Army Command Sergeant Major Course and many other professional development courses.

He is married to his lovely wife Bernice and they are blessed with 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Education

Combat Life Saver
Fire Direction Specialist (13E)
Reserve Component-Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course
USA-Sergeants Major Academy
USA-Command Sergeants Major Course

Awards and Decorations

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (One Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters)
Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (Four Oak Leaf Clusters)
National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star)
Iraqi Campaign Medal (Bronze Star)
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal (Bronze Star)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Silver Hourglass) ("M")
Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with/Numeral 4
Army Service Ribbon

North Carolina Army National Guard Meritorious Service Medal
North Carolina Army National Guard State Active Duty Ribbon with/Numeral 4
North Carolina Army National Guard Service Ribbon with Silver and Gold
Hornets' Nest Device

Meritorious Unit Citation (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
Governors Unit Citation

Affiliations

North Carolina National Guard Association
United States Field Artillery Association, Ancient Order of Saint Barbara
Enlisted Association, National Guard United States

(Current as of 1 August 2015)