



## **Command Sgt. Maj. Ira L. Russey**

### **United States Army NATO Brigade Command Sergeant Major**

Command Sergeant Major Ira L. Russey, Jr. enlisted in 1991. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harris, Indiana graduating as a Human Resource Specialist.

CSM Russey, has held several leadership positions during his career to include; Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Senior Instructor, Battalion S1 NCOIC, Brigade S1NCOIC, First Sergeant, G3 Sergeant Major, Joint Operations Sergeant Major, Theater Adjutant General Sergeant Major, and Division G1 Sergeant Major.

CSM Russey's stateside assignments include: HHC, 407 S&T BN, 82D ABN DIV, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, HHC, 782D Main Support BN, 82D ABN DIV, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, US Army Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, US Army Operational Test Command, Fort Hood, Texas. His overseas assignments include: 5TH Battalion, 7TH Air Defense Artillery, Hanau, Germany, 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, Grafenwoehr, Germany, US Army NATO BDE, Heidelberg, Germany, HQs, United States Army Europe, and Heidelberg, Germany, Task Force Panther Claw, Kuwait, and Operation Enduring Freedom, Kandahar, Afghanistan. His most recent position was as the Command Sergeant Major for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2D Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud Korea.

CSM Russey's military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, The Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, the First Sergeant's Course, Instructor Training Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM Russey's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Army Superior Unit Award (2 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7<sup>th</sup> Award), National Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Overseas Service Medal (Numeral 4), NATO Medal.

CSM Russey is married and has two children.