

## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR TERRENCE W. HARRIS

State Command Sergeant Major, Maine Army National Guard



Command Sergeant Major Terrence W. Harris was officially assigned as the State Command Sergeant Major on March 1, 2010. CSM Harris has held a variety of positions throughout his career ranging from Demolition Specialist/Truck Driver to Command Sergeant Major. As the State Command Sergeant Major, he serves as the Adjutant General's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, particularly in areas affecting training and quality of life. His position requires him to sit on various councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers throughout the entire State of Maine.

Born June 22, 1959, CSM Harris is a native of central Maine. He entered the Maine Army National Guard on January 25, 1979 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO as a 12B, Combat Engineer. He joined the Active-Guard Reserve (AGR) program in April of 1984 and over his 32-year career has served the MEARNG in various capacities and units throughout the State - Newport, Skowhegan, Bangor, Belfast, Gardiner, and Augusta - serving as a Combat Engineer, Construction Engineer, and a Senior Personnelist. His most recent assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 52nd Troop Command. CSM Harris deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006-2007 as a Brigade Level Operations Sergeant Major, under the 240th Engineer Group, Combined Task Force Chamberlain.

His military education includes Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course-RC, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course-AC, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course-AC, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, as well as the Training NCO Course at the National Guard Professional Education Center (NGPEC), 51R (Electrician) MOSQ, 42A (Personnelist) MOSQ, and was the Senior Instructor for a 51B (Carpentry/Masonry) MOSQ course and a 51H (Engineer Construction) BNCOC under Operation Regeneration.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Army Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, eight Good Conduct Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, two Armed Forces Reserve Medals (w/"M" Device), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, three Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbons, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCOES Ribbon(w/ Numeral 4), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation. He has also been awarded numerous State of Maine awards; Maine Achievement, two Commander's Awards, two Academic Awards, a Good Conduct Award, State Emergency Award, Honorable Service Award, Ice Guard Award, and eleven Physical Fitness Awards.

CSM Harris lives in Etna with his wife Debby. They have two children Jessica 31, and Jason 25.

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