



Command Sergeant Major

John F. Sampa

12th Command Sergeant Major of the
Army National Guard

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Command Sergeant Major John F. Sampa was appointed as the Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard on 15 February 2018.

He joined the United States Army on 30 April 1987 and has served in the Army National Guard and the United States Army for more than 33 years. He completed basic training as a Tank Armored Crewman at Fort Knox Army Post in Fort Knox, Kentucky. CSM Sampa was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major on 8 April 2009. Prior to becoming the Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard, CSM Sampa served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Texas Military Department. CSM Sampa also served as the Command Sergeant Major for the 36th Infantry Division. CSM Sampa has been mobilized for combat duty three times and deployed overseas for combat operations in Bosnia and twice to Iraq. CSM Sampa served as a key leader in the Texas Army National Guard, during the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia search and Recovery Mission in East Texas.

CSM Sampa's military and civilian education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and the National Defense University Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course. CSM Sampa is also a graduate of the Texas Highway Patrol Academy. CSM Sampa attended the University of Houston for Civil Engineering Technology and worked as a Structural Steel Draftsman prior to becoming a Texas State Trooper,

Command Sergeant Major Sampa has been awarded numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4th award), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd award), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Sampa has been employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety in the Highway Patrol Division for more than 26 years in concurrence with his military service. CSM Sampa is currently on military leave from his position as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement State Trooper for the Texas Highway Patrol.

CSM Sampa and his wife, Carlette, of 29 years have one son (John) and one daughter (Julia).

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

Texas State Trooper Academy- Law Enforcement Certification

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Keystone Course, Sergeant Major Course, First Sergeant Course, all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Basic Instructor Training Course, Combat Lifesavers Course, and Tank Crew Member AIT .

NCO PROMOTIONS

SGT June 1989

SSG April 1992

SFC April 1998

MSG April 2002

SGM April 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

FEB 18-Present 12th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard
APR 17-FEB 18 Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Texas Military Forces
DEC 13-APR 17 Command Sergeant Major, 36th Infantry Division
NOV 12-DEC 13 Command Sergeant Major, Special Troops Battalion, 56th IBCT
NOV 10-NOV 13 Command Sergeant Major, 1-124th CAV, 56th IBCT
DEC 08-DEC 10 Operations Sergeant Major, 72nd IBCT
NOV 07-DEC 08 First Sergeant, HHT, 1-112 CAV Regiment
AUG 06-AUG 07 First Sergeant, HHC 56th IBCT, 36th Infantry Division
FEB 06-AUG 06 G3 Operations NCO, 75th Training Division
AUG 04-FEB 06 First Sergeant, HHC 56th IBCT Forward
MAR 03-AUG 04 First Sergeant, HHC 4-112 Armor Battalion
NOV 01-MAR 03 First Sergeant, A CO 4-112 Armor Battalion
OCT 00-NOV 01 G3 Operations NCO, HHC 49th Armor Division
AUG 99-OCT 00 JVB NCOIC, HHC 49th Armor Division
APR 98-AUG 99 Platoon Sergeant, B CO 4-112 Armor Battalion
DEC 96-APR 98 Instructor/Writer, 72nd Combat Arms Training Brigade
JUN 89-DEC 96 Tank Commander, B CO 4-112 Armor Battalion
JUN 88-JUN 89 Tank Crew member, B CO 4-112 Armor Battalion

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Life Member
National Guard Association of Texas, Life Member
Association of the United States Army, Life Member
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Life Member
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member
Houston-Galveston Public Information Officer Network Group
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Department of Public Safety Citizens Academy Alumni Association
Safe Kids Worldwide
Windsor Village United Methodist Church

STATE AWARDS

Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal
Texas Medal of Merit
Adjutant General's Individual Award (3rd Award)
Texas Federal Service Medal
Texas Humanitarian Service Ribbon
Texas Combat Service Ribbon (2nd Award)
Texas Faithful Service Medal (6th Award)