

## **SGM CHRISTOPHER D. COLE**

### **Acting Director Joint Staff - Senior Enlisted Leader**

Sergeant Major Christopher D. Cole enlisted in the United States Army and the Colorado Army National Guard in February 1989. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, as a Military Police Soldier, where he graduated with distinction.

SGM Cole is currently serving as the Acting Director Joint Staff Senior Enlisted Leader and the J9 Joint Resiliency Directorate Senior Enlisted Advisor. His previous assignments include Senior Enlisted Leader and G5 Sergeant Major for the 1st Infantry Division, Main Command Post-Operational Detachment (MCP-OD), Command Sergeant Major for the 117th Space Battalion, Operations Sergeant Major, 193rd Military Police Battalion, G3 (Operations) Sergeant Major, Colorado Army National Guard, Command Sergeant Major, Fort Carson Warrior Transition Battalion, and Garrison Command Sergeant Major, Centennial Training Site. SGM Cole has served in support of multiple combat and operational deployments, including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Joint Forge, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was also instrumental in numerous domestic operations missions, including wildfires, floods, Hurricane Katrina, civil disturbances, and COVID-19 response.

SGM Cole's military and civilian education includes the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the Battalion Pre-Command/Command Sergeant Major Course, and the Medical Senior Leader Course. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Business from Colorado College (Cum Laude), a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado and has completed executive education programs at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and the IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain.

SGM Cole's significant awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (1 silver oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1 silver oak leaf cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 silver and 3 bronze oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (1 bronze star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 bronze stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Silver Hourglass, "M" Device, and numeral 5), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medals (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), the Combat Action Badge, the Driver Badge, and numerous State awards.

