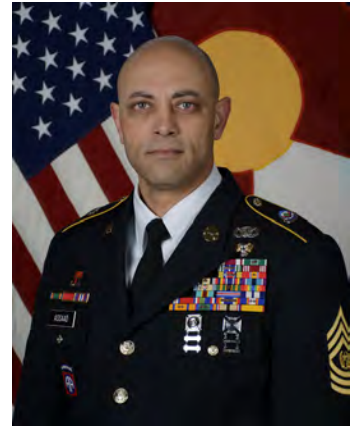




Colorado Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Command Sergeant Major John W. Assaad

Command Sergeant Major John W. Assaad was born in Oberlin, Kansas. He entered the Kansas Army National Guard on March 23, 1994. He attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, he was awarded the Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) of 13B10, Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember.

Command Sergeant Major Assaad's assignments include: Alpha Battery 1-161 FA, Garden City, Kansas, Kansas Army National Guard; Alpha Battery 2-157 FA, La Junta, Colorado, Colorado Army National Guard; Charlie Battery 2-157 FA (MLRS), Pueblo, Colorado; Charlie Battery 3-157 (MLRS), Colorado Springs, Colorado; Alpha Battery 3-157 (MLRS), Longmont, Colorado; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) 3-157 FA (HIMARS), Colorado Springs, Colorado; HHB 169 Field Artillery Brigade, Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, Colorado.



Command Sergeant Major Assaad has served in the positions of Howitzer Section Chief, Multiple Rocket Launch System (MLRS) Section Chief, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major. Command Sergeant Major Assaad deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Slovenia in support of Immediate Response 15, Jordan in support of Colorado's State Partnership Program, and various Colorado State emergency missions in support of domestic operations.

Command Sergeant Major Assaad's military education include the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, United States Army Joint Intelligence Course, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, Colorado Army National Guard Company Level Pre-Command Course, Advance Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, United States Air Force Basic Level Force Protection, and Basic Military Mountaineering Course. Command Sergeant Major Assaad holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado at Denver

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (8th award), National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M and Silver Hourglass Devices), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Colorado State Meritorious Service Medal, Colorado Commendation Ribbon, Colorado Non-Commissioned Officer Command Tour Ribbon, Colorado Active Service Medal (Iraqi Freedom Service Clasp), Colorado Long Service Medal (3rd Award), Colorado Emergency Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Colorado Foreign Deployment Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Colorado Mobilization Support Ribbon, Louisiana Emergency Service Ribbon, Drivers and Mechanics Badge (Driver-T and Driver-W Bars), United States Air Force Basic Level Force Protection Badge, Basic Military Mountaineering Badge, and the Norwegian Foot March Badge (Bronze). Unit awards include the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Colorado TAG Outstanding Unit award. CSM Assaad is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara award.