



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES ARMY

## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN R. HICKS



Command Sergeant Major John R. Hicks is the 9th State Command Sergeant Major of the New Jersey Army National comprised of more than 6,000 Soldiers.

CSM Hicks is the principal advisor to The Adjutant General of New Jersey on all enlisted matters. He advocates for the enlisted force and is responsible for mentoring them on the command's mission, vision, core values, enlisted utilization, and policy implementation.

CSM Hicks enlisted on March 29, 1989. He attended basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, graduating as an ordnance specialist.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic NCO Course; Advanced NCO Course; Petroleum Supply Specialist Course; Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Course; Ground Safety Officer Course; First Sergeant Course; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy; Brigade Pre-Command Course, and the Nominative Leader Course.

CSM Hicks' previous assignments include Headquarters Support Company, 1-150th Aviation Battalion, West Trenton, New Jersey; Detachment Sergeant, Detachment 1, 29th Infantry Division; Petroleum Operations Platoon Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-150th Aviation, West Trenton, New Jersey; First Sergeant, 154th Water Purification and Distribution, Sea Girt, New Jersey; Battalion Command Sergeant Major 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; Safety Sergeant Major, Joint Force Headquarters – New Jersey, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; Command Sergeant Major, Operations Group (OC-T); Command Sergeant Major, 42nd Regional Support Group, Somerset, New Jersey; Senior Enlisted Advisor, Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, and Command Sergeant Major, 57th Troop Command, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Prior to his current assignment, CSM Hicks was the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Assistant Adjutant General – Army. He has served three tours in Iraq and one in Kosovo (OIF III, OIF V, OIR and KFOR 19).

He is married and has two children.

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal with (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Good Conduct Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device, second award)

National Defense Service Medal (with one Bronze Service Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Campaign Stars)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device)

Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 6)

Army Service Ribbon

Army Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 4)

Army Reserves Component Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Order of Saint Michael

German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private March 29, 1989

Private First Class July 15, 1990

Specialist July 15, 1991

Sergeant April 28, 1992

Staff Sergeant April 19, 1997

Sergeant First Class  
Master Sergeant  
First Sergeant  
Sergeant Major  
Command Sergeant Major

September 29, 2001  
January 18, 2007  
January 18, 2007  
May 17, 2011  
May 17, 2011

(Current as of March 2026)