



## NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

### State Command Sergeant Major Earnest Williams

Command Sergeant Major Earnest Williams is a native of Paterson, New Jersey. He entered military service with The United States Army on September 30, 1985 and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he obtained the Military Occupational Skill 13B (Artillery). CSM Williams, upon his discharge from active duty, enlisted directly into the New Jersey Army National Guard where he has held several positions.



CSM Williams served as a Ammunition Team Chief, Gunner, Section Chief, Gunnery Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Operation Sergeant, First Sergeant and Operations Sergeant Major. While serving as a Platoon Sergeant he led his platoon into several combat operations. His most recent assignments were the 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT Operations Sergeant Major, 3-112<sup>th</sup> Command Sergeant Major, NJNG G-3 Sergeant Major and the 57<sup>th</sup> Troop Command Sergeant Major; he currently holds the position of New Jersey's State Command Sergeant Major.

#### **Military Assignments:**

Overseas assignments for CSM Williams consists of two combat tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a tour in Korea and a tour in Germany. His stateside assignments include: 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps Fort Bragg NC; 1/7 FA BN Fort Drum NY; A-Battery 3-112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Morristown NJ; Service Battery 3-112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Morristown NJ; Golf Company 250<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, Morristown NJ; Bravo Battery 3-112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Toms River NJ; 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT HQ, Lawrenceville NJ and 57<sup>th</sup> Troop Command, Atlantic City, NJ.

#### **Education:**

CSM Williams' military and civilian education includes Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course; First Sergeants Course and a Graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy. CSM Williams holds a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership Management from Wilmington University.

#### **Decorations and Badges:**

He has been awarded the Bronze Star w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with w/2 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal w/1 Prongless Silver Knot, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Global War on

Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device (3) and Silver Hourglass, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon ( 4<sup>th</sup> Award), Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation.