

*United States Army*  
**Command Sergeant Major**  
**Richard K. Johnson**

**Commanding Sergeant Major**  
**First Army**  
**Rock Island Arsenal,**  
**Rock Island, Illinois, 61299**  
**Effective October 21, 2016**



Command Sergeant Major Richard K. Johnson assumed the duties of Command Sergeant Major at First Army October 21, 2016.

CSM Johnson entered the U.S. Army in 1987 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky., where he was trained as an Armor Crewman.

His subsequent positions and duty assignments include Armor Crewman, Tank Gunner, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.; Tank Gunner, Tank Commander, Company D, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Tank Commander, Master Gunner, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; Tank Commander, Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; Tank Commander, Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood; Company Senior Observer Trainer, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 395th Regiment (Training Support), Fort Hood; Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; Master Gunner, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Operations, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Area Support Group, Kuwait; First Sergeant, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood; Senior Enlisted Observer Trainer, Operations Group Delta, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Operations Sergeant Major, Headquarters Combined Arms Center-Training, Fort Leavenworth; Command Sergeant Major, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.; Operations Sergeant Major and interim Command Sergeant Major, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; Sergeant Major, Combined Arms Center-Training, Fort Leavenworth.

CSM Johnson's military education includes all NCOES through the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Keystone Course, Abrams Master Gunner School, Battle Staff NCO Course, Senior Instructor Operator Course and Joint Deployment Officers Course.

CSM Johnson's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (11 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (9th award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, General Fredric M. Franks Award and Order of Saint George Bronze Medallion.