

# COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN T. RAINES

## Senior Enlisted Advisor, Mississippi



Command Sergeant Major John T. Raines assumed responsibility as the 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Mississippi National Guard (MSNG) on July 10, 2015. Raines also serves as the State Command Sergeant Major for the Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG). He advises the Adjutant General of Mississippi and the Assistant Adjutant General, Army on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life.

CSM Raines joined the Army in August 1989, completing basic military training at Ft Jackson, South Carolina, and then Army Communications Systems (31U) training at Ft Gordon, Georgia. His active duty career includes assignments with the Ft. Huachuca-based 11<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade, including deployment in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm,

with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea, and with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell.

CSM Raines joined the Alabama Army National Guard in 1998, working in counterdrug interdiction, and was activated after September 11, 2001 to guard and secure the chemical stock piles at Anniston Army Depot. In 2004, he was selected to serve as the First Sergeant for the Mississippi Army National Guard's newly-organized 47th Civil Support Team. In 2007, he was selected as the operations Sergeant Major for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 198<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment, deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009-2010. CSM Raines later served as Commandant, Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, and as CSM for the 154th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) at Camp Shelby.

Prior to assuming responsibility as the MSNG SEA, CSM Raines served as the Joint Operations Senior Enlisted Leader for US Pacific Command, where he was responsible for coaching and mentoring joint US Forces as well as multi-national partners throughout the region.

### EDUCATION:

2014 Excelsior College, Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts, by correspondence  
2008 U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, Texas  
1996 U.S. Army Ranger School, Ft. Benning, Georgia

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 16 April 1990 – 12 September 1990, Communications Circuit Controller, 385th Signal Company, 11th Signal Brigade, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
2. 13 September 1990 – 17 April 1991, Communications Circuit Controller, 385th Signal Company (Forward), Saudi Arabia
3. 18 April 1991 – 10 March 1993, Communications Circuit Controller, 385th Signal Company, 11th Signal Brigade, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
4. 11 March 1993 – 1 August 1993, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia
5. 2 August 1993 – 31 May 1994, Team Leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment, Camp Casey, Korea
6. 1 June 1994 – 30 November 1996, Weapons Squad Leader, Company C, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
7. 1 December 1996 – 6 December 1997, Squad Leader, Company B, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
8. 7 December 1997 – 31 March 1998, Special Forces Weapons Sergeant, Company A, 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, Auburn, Alabama
9. 1 April 1998 – 30 June 2000, Squad Leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment, Leeds, Alabama
10. 1 July 2000 – 5 January 2002, Battalion Communication Chief, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment, Talladega, Alabama
11. 6 January 2002 – 11 September 2002, Platoon Sergeant, Company B, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment, Anniston Army Depot, Alabama
12. 12 September 2002 – 15 July 2004, First Sergeant, Company B, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment, Pelham, Alabama
13. 16 July 2004 – 31 March 2008, First Sergeant, 47th Civil Support Team, Jackson, Mississippi
14. 1 April 2008 – 31 April 2009, Operations Sergeant Major, 2d Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, Senatobia, Mississippi
15. 1 May 2009 – 21 March 2010, Operations Sergeant Major, 2d Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, Contingency Operating Base QWEST, Iraq
16. 22 March 2010 – 29 December 2010, Operations Sergeant Major, 2d Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, Senatobia, Mississippi
17. 30 December 2010 – 4 June 2011, Commandant, 154th Regiment, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
18. 5 June 2011 – 1 October 2012, Command Sergeant Major, 154th Regiment, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
19. 2 October 2012 – March 13 2014, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Operations Directorate (G3), Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi
20. 14 March 2014 – 9 July 2015, Senior Army National Guard Advisor, U.S. Army Element, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii
21. 10 July 2015 – Present, Senior Enlisted Advisor/State Command Sergeant Major, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Good Conduct Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)  
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)  
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Stars)  
Iraq Campaign Medal (with Bronze Star)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korea Defense Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and Silver Hourglass)  
Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 4)  
Army Service Ribbon  
Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia  
Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait  
Mississippi Magnolia Cross  
Mississippi Magnolia Medal  
Mississippi War Medal  
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Mississippi Service School Medal  
Mississippi Longevity Medal  
Alabama Distinguished Service Medal  
Alabama National Emergency Service Ribbon  
Alabama Special Service Medal  
Alabama Faithful Service Medal  
Expert Infantry Badge  
Parachutist Badge  
Air Assault Badge  
Ranger Tab  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Army Meritorious Unit Award

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS:**

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Mississippi National Guard Enlisted Association  
National Infantry Association

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Private (PV1)	24 August 1989
Private (PV2)	24 February 1990
Private First Class	1 August 1990
Specialist	1 September 1991
Sergeant	1 December 1993
Staff Sergeant	1 June 1996
Sergeant First Class	10 July 2001
First Sergeant	1 August 2003
Command Sergeant Major	1 May 2008

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