

**CSM JOHN DREW**  
**Command Sergeant Major, 49<sup>th</sup> Missile Defense Brigade**  
**USASMDC/ARSTRAT**

CSM John Drew was raised in Grass Valley, Calif., and graduated from Nevada Union High School in 1990. In August 1989 he joined the Army as an Airborne infantryman and began active service in July 1990.

CSM Drew served in from 1990 until 1999 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Battalion Combat Team, Vicenza Italy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Company F, 110<sup>th</sup> Long Range Surveillance Detachment (Airborne) Fort Richardson; United Nations Combined Security Battalion, Joint Security Area, Republic of Korea.

Since 1999, CSM Drew has served active duty with the Alaska Army National Guard at Fort Richardson with Det-4 207<sup>th</sup> Long Range Surveillance Detachment; 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute; HHC 207<sup>th</sup> Infantry Group; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 297<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Nome, Alaska; HHT, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 297<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Fairbanks, Alaska; and as first sergeant for Company A, 49<sup>th</sup> Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, Alaska. In June 2011, CSM Drew assumed responsibility as the command sergeant major of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion.

CSM Drew deployed to Northern Iraq in 1991 in support of Operation Provide Comfort and again in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has served as a rifleman; machine gunner; radio telephone operator; automatic rifleman; scout; fire team leader; sniper; squad leader; platoon sergeant; Long-Range Surveillance team leader; assistant operations sergeant; NCOES and MOSQ instructor; battalion and squadron operations sergeant and first sergeant.

CSM Drew's schools include Airborne School; Belgium Commando Course; Ranger School; Air Movement Operations Course; Jungle Operations Course; Equal Opportunity Leadership Course; Equal Opportunity Counselor Course; Total Army Instructor Course; Small Group Instructor Course; Pathfinder School; Jumpmaster School; Battle Staff NCO Course; Combat Life Savers Course; Air Assault Course. He has completed all levels of NCOES and is currently enrolled in the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM Drew's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (nine oak leaf cluster); Army Achievement Medal (four oak leaf cluster); Good Conduct Medal (fifth award); National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star; Southwest Asia Service Medal w/Bronze Star; Iraq Campaign Medal (with two campaign stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/"M" Device and Bronze Hourglass; Noncommissioned Officers Development Ribbon (fourth award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (fourth award); Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (third award); Kuwait Liberation Medal; Alaska Commendation Medal (oak leaf cluster); Alaska Homeland Security Medal; Adjutant Generals Marksmanship Ribbon Medal; Bronze Rifle U.S. Army Excellence in Competition Badge; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation Award; Expert Infantryman's Badge; Master Parachutists Badge; Belgium Parachutists Badge; Spanish Parachutists Badge; Pathfinder Badge; Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.



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