

CSM James N. Ross
Command Sergeant Major
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CSM James N. Ross is a native of Battle Creek, Mich. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1985 as a combat engineer, and in 1990, he reclassified into Air Defense Artillery as a PATRIOT missile crewmember.

He has held every leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major. His assignments include: 547th Engineer Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany; 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan.; 6th Battalion, 43rd ADA Regiment, Ansbach, Germany; 4th Battalion, 43rd ADA Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas; United States Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia; and the United States Army NCO Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. He served as the first sergeant for A Battery and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA Regiment, Fort Bliss; and then served as the operation sergeant major for 4th Battalion, 5th ADA Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood. As a command sergeant major, he served with 3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA Regiment, Fort Bliss; 1st Space Battalion, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base; 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss; and is currently serving as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the senior enlisted advisor for the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. He has served overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Germany.



His military education includes Air Assault School, Master Fitness Trainers Course, Instructor Training Course, Space Fundamentals Course, Missile Warning and Defense Advanced Course, Senior Space Seminar, Gryphon Mobile Force Protection Course, CSM Force Management Course, CSM Legal Orientation Course, and the KEYSTONE Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course. CSM Ross has completed all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, including the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 53.

CSM Ross has an associate degree in general studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelor of Arts in homeland security from American Military University and a Masters of Arts in leadership from the University of Texas at El Paso.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters); Army Commendation Medal with V Device; Army Commendation Medal (seven oak leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (nine oak leaf clusters); Army Good Conduct Medal (nine oak leaf clusters); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal with BSS; Saudi Arabian Defense Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars. He has also earned the Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge and the Master Space Badge. He is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club and the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, and a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. He was the 1990 NCO of the Year for Fort Riley, Kan.

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