



**CSM Joe B. Parson Jr.
Command Sergeant Major
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Command Sergeant Major Joe B. Parson Jr. is originally from Lyons, Kansas. He enlisted in the United States Army in June 1989. He received Basic and Advanced Individual Training under One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and graduated as a 19D Cavalry Scout.

During his 23 years of service, CSM Parson has served in every position in the U.S. Cavalry from Scout to Command Sergeant Major. CSM Parson's assignments and positions include: M3/M3A2 Bradley Driver and Gunner in B Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; Bradley Gunner, Commander and Section Sergeant, 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Division, Buedingen, Germany; Section Sergeant, Senior Scout, Platoon Sergeant, Troop/Squadron Master Gunner, 3rd Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Observer/Controller, A Company, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; First Sergeant, 3rd Squadron, 17th U.S. Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; Student, Staff, and Faculty, United States Army Sergeants Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; Squadron Command Sergeant Major and Operations Sergeant Major, 3rd Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia, Command Sergeant Major for the School for Command Preparation, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and he currently serves as the Command Sergeant Major for the Combined Arms Center, Leader Development & Education, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During his 23 years of service, CSM Parson has deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Joint Endeavour, Desert Spring, Iraqi Freedom II, and Iraqi Freedom V.

CSM Parson's military education includes: Warrior Leaders Course; Advanced Leaders Course; Senior Leaders Course; First Sergeants Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 56, Command Sergeants Major Course BDE and BN; Bradley Master Gunner Course; Basic Airborne Course; Joint Firepower Controller Course; and the Master Resilience Trainer Course. CSM Parson has an Associate of Science degree in Business Management from Barstow Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Management from Troy University and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University.

His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (w/V Device), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award (1 OLC), Army Superior Unit Award (1 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (w/Bronze Star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/3 Bronze Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. CSM Parson is a Distinguished Knight in the Order of Saint George and is a member of the Forces Command Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Association of the United States Army.

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