



# Command Sergeant Major

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The U.S. Army Military District of Washington



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## Command Sergeant Major Richard A. Woodring

Command Sergeant Major Richard A. Woodring entered the military in October of 1984 under the delayed entry program in the Army Reserves. He attended both Basic and advanced individual training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama and entered active duty in June of 1986.

His positions and assignments prior to his current selection as the CSM of the Military District of Washington (MDW) include: gunner and driver in the First Detachment, 346th Military Police Company (USAR), Great Bend, Kansas; Patrolman, Traffic Accident Investigator, Military Police Investigator, Desk Sergeant and NCOIC for the Ranger Support Element while assigned with B Co MP Detachment, Ft. Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia;

Senior Custodial Agent, 528th United States Army Artillery Group, Cakmakli, Turkey; Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant, 212th Military Police Company, Kitzingen, Germany; Military Police Investigations NCOIC, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona; Operations Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant, 55th Military Police Company, Camp Page, Korea; Platoon Sergeant, 101st Military Police Company (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Detachment Sergeant, HHD, 793d Military Police Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; First Sergeant, 630th Military Police Company, Bamberg, Germany; Operations Sergeant Major and Command Sergeant Major, 716th Military Police Battalion, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Provost Marshal Sergeant Major for the Operational Protection Directorate, USARPAC, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Command Sergeant Major, 8th Military Police Brigade, Schofield Barracks Hawaii, Senior Enlisted Leader (CSM) Combined Joint Interagency Task Force (CJIATF) 435, Camp Sabalu – Harrison, Afghanistan, Command Sergeant Major, United States Army Military Police School, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Army Provost Marshal Sergeant Major, Washington, D.C. He has three deployments to the Balkans including one to Bosnia as a Platoon Sergeant, 212th MP Company, and two to Kosovo, one as a Platoon Sergeant, 101st MP Company (AASLT) and one as the Detachment Sergeant, HHD, 793d MP Battalion. He also has two deployments to Iraq, one as a First Sergeant, 630th Military Police Company one as the Operations and Command Sergeant Major, 716th Military Police Battalion, and one to Afghanistan as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Combined Joint Inter Agency Task Force 435.

He has graduated from numerous military schools including Air Assault School, Basic Airborne Course, SRT School, Law Enforcement Shotgun Course, FORSCOM Long Range Marksmanship Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Family Advocacy Staff Training Course, Equal Opportunity Leader Course, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Military Police Investigator Course, the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy First Sergeant Course, the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 57), the Brigade Pre-Command Course and the Executive Leader Course. He has completed over 70 semester hours of college towards a degree in emergency management.

Command Sergeant Major Woodring's awards include: the Legion of Merit (second award), the Bronze Star Medal (second award), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (fifth award), the Army Commendation Medal (seventh award), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (tenth award), the National Defense Service Medal (with one Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with three Bronze Service Stars), the Kosovo Campaign Medal (with one Bronze Service Star), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with one Bronze Service Star), the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with three Bronze Service Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral six), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral six) the NATO Medal (with three Bronze Service Stars), the Joint Unit Meritorious Award, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Army Meritorious Unit Citation (second award), the Army Superior Unit Award (second award), the Army Staff Identification Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Driver's Badge with Wheel Device, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold). He is a Sergeant Morales Club inductee, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inductee (honorary) and a recipient of the prestigious Honorable Order of the Dragon (CBRN) and the Military Police Order of the Marechaussee (Silver).