

CSM Dennis Hocking was born in Bessemer, Ala. in 1967 and entered active duty service in 1985. He completed Basic Training at Fort Mccellan, Ala. and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla. as a tactical communications operator/mechanic.

Hocking has served in a variety of positions including tactical communications system mechanic, Hanau, Germany and Fort Stewart, Ga., tactical communications chief, Florida Army National Guard, Palmetto, Fla., chief instructor/writer, Fort Gordon, Ga, military transition team NCOIC, Iraq, sergeant major 4th Joint Communications Squadron, Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill AFB, Fla. and currently serving as command sergeant major 3rd Battalion 348th Regiment.

Hocking is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Non-resident Course; First Sergeant's Course; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course; Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Airborne Course; Unit Trainers Course and Jumpmaster Course (MTT).

Hocking holds a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Florida and is currently a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Hocking's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ M Device and Bronze Hour Glass affixed; NCO Professional Development Ribbon with 4 affixed; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Action Badge; Senior Parachutist Badge and the Bronze Order of Mercury.