

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher M. Johnson is a native of San Diego, Calif. He joined the United States Army in June 1988 in which he attended Infantry Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Johnson has served in numerous leadership positions: Team Leader, Squad Leader, S-2 NCOIC, Company Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant Major.

Johnson's previous assignments include: 312th Military Intelligence Long Range Surveillance Detachment, Fort Hood, Texas; 1-15th Infantry Battalion and 1-7th Infantry Battalion, Third Infantry Division, Germany; while assigned to the 1-7th Infantry Battalion, he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; 2-11th ACR, Fort Irwin, Calif.; 1-18th Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; while assigned to the 1-18th Infantry Battalion, he was deployed in support of Operation Camp Able Sentry (Macedonia) twice and Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard Bosnia; 1-16th Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.; while assigned to the 1-16th Infantry Battalion, he deployed once to Foal Eagle Korea and twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 thru 2004 and 2006 thru 2007; his last unit of assignment was 1-66th Armor Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.; while assigned to the 1-66th Armor Regiment, he was deployed to Afghanistan.

Johnson is a graduate of Primary, Basic and Advance Noncommissioned Officers Courses, Air Assault, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, Army Retention Course, Equal Opportunity Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Safety Officers Course, Bradley Master School, First Sergeants Course, various Bradley Training Courses, and the United States Sergeant Majors Academy Class 59.

Johnson was the first Noncommissioned Officer in the 1-18th Infantry Battalion history that was inducted into the Sergeant Morales Club in 1999; He also served as the Company Master Gunner with the 1-18th Infantry Battalion, which earned his unit honors as the Top Gun Company in Europe 2001; He was inducted into the Audie Murphy Club as a Honorary Member at Fort Riley, Kan., in 2002; He was inducted into the Order of the Spur in 2003; He served as the Honorary First Sergeant for Charlie Company (Bandio Charlie 1-16th Infantry Battalion-Big Red One); He was awarded the Order of St. Maurice from the Infantry Association in 2008; He was inducted into the Distinguish Member of the Regiment with the 16th Infantry Regiment Big Red One in 2011; He has earned an associate degree in Business Management from Excelsior College and is currently completing his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

Johnson's awards and decorations include: the Combat Infantry Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge, Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (7th Award), Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/3 stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/3 stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (3rd Award), Humanitarian Service Medal, United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia (2nd Award), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (7th Award), Joint Meritorious Award, Army Valorous Unit Award (2nd Award), and the Army Superior Unit Award.