

CSM John K. Johnson was born in Tuskegee, Ala., but resided in Prattville, Ala. He entered the United States Army in June 1988 upon graduating from Prattville High School. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Okla. to become a 13B Cannon Crewman.

Johnson has held a variety of assignments including: cannon crewman and gunner for B Battery 4/3 FA BN in Garlsted, Germany; ammunition sergeant for Service Battery 5/18th FA BN in Fort Sill, Okla.; howitzer section chief for B Battery, 8/8th FA BN, Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea; small group leader for basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Fort Sill, Okla.; Drill Sergeant for D 1/19th FA BN, Fort Sill, Okla.; gunnery sergeant and chief of firing battery for B Battery, 4/11th FA BN, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; fire support battery observer control for Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.; battalion master gunner, operation sergeant, intelligence sergeant for 3/7th FA BN, and first sergeant for B Battery 3/7th FA BN Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; senior enlisted advisor to the DCGM, 3rd Infantry Division, Special Troops Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. He is a combat tested warrior with tours in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

Johnson's military and civilian education includes: Warrior Leaders Course; Senior Leaders Course; Advanced Leader Course; First Sergeant Course; Drill Sergeant School; Air Assault Course; Airborne Course; Joint Firepower Control Course; Small Group Instructor Course; Arctic Survival Training Course; Hazardous Material Transportation Course; and Unit Movement Officers Course. He is a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy class #59. Johnson also holds an associate's degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, and a bachelor's degree in Applied Science from Excelsior College.

Johnson awards and decorations include: Bronze Star (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Accommodation Medal (1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievements (3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Good Conduct Medal (7th Award); Southwest Asia Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (Numerical 7); Parachutes Badge; Combat Action Badge; the Drivers Badge with Track and Wheel Device and Expert Marksmanship Badge. Johnson is a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Audie Murphy Club.