

Command Sergeant Major James L. Allen
Command Sergeant Major
West Virginia Army National Guard



CSM James L. Allen assumed the duties as the Command Sergeant Major of The West Virginia Army National Guard on 2 February 2013. He was previously assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of the 197th Regiment, Regional Training Institute.

As The Command Sergeant Major of West Virginia Army National, he advises the West Virginia Army National Guard Land Component Commander on enlisted issues for more than 4,000 citizen Soldiers.

CSM Allen began his military career in the West Virginia Army National Guard as a Combat Engineer. He attended the Combat Engineer Course at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri and spent 12 years with Det. 1 Co. C, 1092nd Engineer Battalion. CSM Allen then transferred to be a military police officer completing MP school at Fort Dix, New Jersey and the Military Police Investigator Course at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri.

CSM Allen's other significant assignments include: CSM 197th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, CSM 1/150th Armor Reconnaissance Squadron, CSM 77th Brigade, Troop Command, CSM 151st Military Police Battalion, and 1SG for the 157th Military Police Company.

CSM Allen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Science in Strategic leadership from Mountain State University. He graduated the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in 2005 and the Keystone Course in 2014.

CSM Allen and his wife Debbie, have four sons: Mikey, P.J., Craig and Marcus.

CSM Allen's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass and Mobilization Device Number 2, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon 2nd award, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the WV Commendation Medal, WV Achievement Ribbon, WV Emergency Service Ribbon with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, WV State Service Ribbon 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, WV Minute Man Ribbon with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Action Badge.