



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD**  
**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**  
**JOHN T. GIST**  
**155TH ABCT CSM**

Command Sgt. Maj. John T. Gist entered the United States Army in 1985. He completed Calvary Reconnaissance (19D) basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Kentucky in April 1985.

His military assignments include the 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment in Greenville, Miss.; 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment in Senatobia, Miss.; 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment in McComb, Miss.; 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment in Amory, Miss.; Operations Sergeant Major (G3), Joint Force Headquarters in Jackson, Miss.; and Command Sergeant Major for 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gist's leadership positions include Bradley Commander, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant of Charlie Company 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, First Sergeant of Headquarters Troop 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment, and Command Sergeant Major for 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment. He has been serving in his current role as the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team Command Sergeant Major since July 2025.

His military education includes Primary Leader Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Maneuver Senior Leader Course and The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gist's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award); Army Commendation Medal (4th award); Army Achievement Medal (3rd award); Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (4th award); National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (gold hour glass, M device); Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 2); MS Medal of Efficiency; MS Emergency Service Medal; and the MS Longevity Medal.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gist has been deployed five times with the Mississippi Army National Guard. His first deployment was in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield in 1990, followed by a 2009 deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, a 2018 deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield/Inherent Resolve, a Civil Unrest Mission in the Nation's capital, and Joint Multi-National Training Group - Ukraine, based in Grafenwöhr, Germany.