



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JAMES M. HOLLINGS
STATE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**

Command Sgt. Maj. James Michael Hollings began his military career in April 1991, attending Basic and Advanced Individual Training as an Armor Crewman at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. His first assignment was with Det. 1 A Co 108th Armored Cavalry Regiment located in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Hollings began his Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) career in 2002 as a Human Resources Specialist at HHC, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor Regiment (1-198th AR) in Amory, Mississippi. His follow on assignments include Readiness NCO at B Co., 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment (1-98 CAV) in Booneville, Master Gunner for Headquarters Troop, 1-98th CAV in Amory, Operations Sergeant Major for 1-98th CAV in Amory, Operations Sergeant Major for 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team in Tupelo, Operations Sergeant Major for 154th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi Army National Guard G3 Sergeant Major at Joint Force Headquarters in Jackson, Command Sergeant Major of 1-98th CAV in Amory, Commandant of 154th RTI, and Regimental Command Sergeant Major 154th RTI.

Hollings was deployed to Najaf, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2005 until January 2006. He was mobilized to Tikrit, Iraq, in support Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2009 until January 2010.

Hollings' military and civilian education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Bradley Master Gunner Course, Scout Commander Certification Course, Mission Command Systems Integration Course, Antiterrorism Officer Basic Course, Commandant Pre-Command Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. Hollings also has a Masters of Executive Leadership degree from Liberty University.

Hollings' military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), the Army Commendation Medal (6th award), the Army Achievement Medal (6th award), Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3rd award), National Defense Service Medal with 1 service star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with 1 campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Mississippi War Medal, Mississippi Service School Medal, The Order of St. George, and numerous other federal and state awards. He's also been awarded the Master Gunner Identification Badge.