

U.S. ARMY SONG

*March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.*



SCAN TO VIEW
DIGITAL PROGRAM

CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
DARRELL L. MASTERSON

&

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JAMES M. HOLLINGS



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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8 FEBRUARY 2026
10:00 AM



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DARRELL L. MASTERSON

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Masterson was selected as the State Command Sergeant Major of the Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG) on 1 January 2022 by Major General John T. Kelly. CSM Masterson is the principal advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General - Army on all matters pertaining to providing a ready enlisted force, health of the force and enlisted professional development of more than

9,700 Citizen Soldiers, State Employees, and Federal Technicians. Areas of focus are to ensure the force is equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or man-made.

CSM Masterson enlisted in the MSNG in 1986. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama where he was awarded his primary MOS as a 31B Military Police Officer. Upon completion of his training, he returned to the 113th Military Police Company in Brandon Mississippi, where he was assigned as a gunner in a military police platoon.

In February 1991, he served in CONUS support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. As Platoon Sergeant, he mobilized in support of Operation Joint Endeavor in 1995. As First Sergeant, he deployed in support of Operation Noble in 2002, Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003 and in support of Iraqi Freedom in 2007. As Operations Sergeant Major, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011. In 2013, he was selected as Command Sergeant Major of the 112th Military Police Battalion in Canton, Mississippi.

In 2015, CSM Masterson was selected to his first nominative level CSM assignment at 66th Troop Command in Jackson, Mississippi. In 2019, he was selected to serve as the Land Forces Component Command Sergeant Major at the Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. Currently, CSM Masterson is serving as the State Command Sergeant Major, Mississippi.

CSM Masterson has completed all levels of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System to include the Nominative Leader Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He has received many awards and decorations to include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (6th award), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars), Humanitarian Service Medal (3rd award), Mississippi Magnolia Medal and numerous other federal and state awards.

Command Sergeant Major Masterson is a native of Madison, MS and is married to the former Karen L. Pace of Prentiss, MS. The Mastersons have one son Timothy, wife Sara, and three grandchildren Maley, Kate and Tucker.



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES M. HOLLINGS

Command Sergeant Major 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 HQ 1-198th Armor

in Amory Mississippi. His follow on assignments include Readiness NCO at B Co 1-98th CAV in Booneville Mississippi, Master Gunner 1-98th CAV Amory Mississippi, Operations Sergeant Major 1-98th CAV Amory Mississippi, Operations Sergeant Major 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team Tupelo Mississippi, Operations Sergeant Major 154th Regional Training Institute Camp Shelby Mississippi, Mississippi Army National Guard G3 Sergeant Major Jackson Mississippi, Command Sergeant Major 1-98th CAV Amory Mississippi, Commandant 154th Regional Training Institute, and Regimental Command Sergeant Major 154th Regional Training Institute Camp Shelby Mississippi.

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 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 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 from Liberty University

Hollings' award and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, Master Gunner Badge, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Mississippi War Medal, Mississippi Service School Medal, The Order of St. George, and numerous other federal and state awards.

Hollings and his wife Beth have four children, Elizabeth, James, Nathan and Morgan.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

WELCOME
SGM Shannon Cooley

**SOUND RUFFLES &
FLOURISHES**
41st Army Band

**ENTRANCE OF OFFICIAL
PARTY**

INVOCATION
CH (COL) Cregg Puckett

NATIONAL ANTHEM
41st Army Band

**INTRODUCTION OF
FAMILY MEMBERS/GUESTS**
SGM Shannon Cooley

**INTRODUCTION OF
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**PRESENTATION OF
FLOWERS TO SPOUSES**

PASSING OF THE COLORS

REMARKS
MG John Rhodes
CSM Darrell L. Masterson
CSM James M. Hollings

THE ARMY SONG

BENEDICTION
CH (COL) Cregg Puckett

**EXIT OF THE OFFICIAL
PARTY**