

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

WELCOME TO THE
RETIREMENT CEREMONY
in honor of
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
DARRELL MASTERSON



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
SUNDAY
8 FEBRUARY 2026



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DARRELL 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 Masterson's have one son Timothy, wife Sara, and three grandchildren Maley, Kate and Tucker.



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

RECOGNITION OF FAMILY & SPECIAL GUESTS
CSM Darrell Masterson

SUMMARY OF SERVICE
SGM Shannon Cooley

COMMENTS/AWARDS
MG John Rhodes

REMARKS
CSM Darrell Masterson

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTARY/ AWARDS

THE ARMY SONG
41st Army Band

RECEPTION