

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOSEPH J. HJELMSTAD



Command Sergeant Major, 1/34th ABCT

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph J. Hjelmstad is CSM, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Red Bull), Minnesota Army National Guard. In his civilian career he serves as the Grant County Veterans Service Officer.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hjelmstad enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard in February 1992 and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss. He has an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Alexandria Technical College, and an Associate Degree from Minnesota State Community and Technical

College, Fergus Falls.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hjelmstad was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Squad Leader from December 2003 to February 2005, Platoon Sergeant from October 2005 to August 2007, and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as First Sergeant from May 2011 to April 2012.

MILITARY EDUCATION:

1. Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Lewis, Wash.
2. Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Camp Grafton, N.D.
3. Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Miss.
4. First Sergeant Course, Fort McCoy, Wis.
5. U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy,
6. Unit Search Advisor, Fort Leonard Wood, Miss.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 2005 – September 2005; Platoon Sergeant with A Co, 682nd Engineer Battalion
2. September 2005 – December 2007; Platoon Sergeant with B Co, 682nd Engineer Battalion
3. December 2007 – May 2008; Platoon Sergeant with 849th Mobile Augmentation Company, 682nd Engineer Battalion
4. May 2008 – October 2009; First Sergeant with E Co, 1-194 Combined Arms Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
5. October 2009 – October 2012; First Sergeant with C Co, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1/34th ABCT

6. October 2012 – April 2013; Senior Protection NCO with A Co, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 34th Infantry Division
7. April 2013 – September 2014; Command Sergeant Major with Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1/34th ABCT
8. September 2014 – June 2015; Command Sergeant Major with 334th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1/34th ABCT
9. Command Sergeant Major, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal – 2nd Award
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal – 2nd Award
Army Achievement Medal – 2nd Award
Meritorious Unit Commendation
Army Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal – 7th Award
National Defense Service Medal – 2nd Award
Iraq Campaign Medal – with 5 campaign stars
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War On Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' device & silver hourglass
Professional Development Ribbon with Number 3
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon – 3rd Award
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
Minnesota Commendation Ribbon with Pendant
Minnesota Good Conduct Ribbon – 6th Award
Minnesota Service Ribbon – 5th Award
Combat Action Badge
Driver and Mechanic Badge – Driver Wheeled
Weapons Qualification Badge – Expert M9 Pistol
Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal

(Current as of November 2015)