



# *10<sup>th</sup> Command Sergeant Major*

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

**Command Sergeant Major Brunk W. Conley**

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Command Sergeant Major Brunk W. Conley was selected as the 10th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard on September 26, 2012.

In his current position, Command Sergeant Major Conley represents and advises the Director of the Army National Guard on matters pertaining to Army National Guard policies and actions that affect enlisted Soldiers of the Army National Guard through meetings, conferences, information exchanges and on-site observation, coordinates with the Sergeant Major of the Army and Command Sergeants Major of the Army National Guard and Major Army Command formations; reviews and inspects field training, inactive duty training, overseas deployments and Noncommissioned Officer Leadership schools on behalf of the Director. Command Sergeant Major Conley serves as an advisor to members of various service related councils, boards and workshops to include: the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Senior Enlisted Advisory Council; Reserve Components Coordinating Council; Reserve Forces Policy Board; Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee; the Command Sergeant Major Selection Boards; and the National Guard Bureau's Command Sergeant Major Advisory Council.

Command Sergeant Major Conley's immediate previous assignment was as State Command Sergeant Major for the Oregon National Guard. His military career began in December 1981 and he completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Ft. Benning, Georgia in the fall of 1982, where he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 11B, Infantryman. He completed Airborne School and was assigned to Company A, 3rd Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Ft. Lewis, Washington. He held positions as a rifleman, grenadier, automatic rifleman, senior rifleman and team leader. In 1986, he was placed on special duty orders at Huckleberry Creek Mountain Training Center as a Mountaineering Instructor.

Upon completion of his initial enlistment, Command Sergeant Major Conley joined the Oregon Army National Guard. His assignments in the National Guard include the following: 1st Battalion, 249th Tow Light Anti-Tank (TLAT), Silverton, Oregon; 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Tigard, Oregon; E Company,

1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Salem, Oregon; Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry Regiment, Corvallis, Oregon; 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), Clackamas, Oregon.

As an Infantryman, Command Sergeant Major Conley has served as Squad Leader, Scout Section and Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major. In October 2003, as Command Sergeant Major of 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Command Sergeant Major Conley's battalion deployed and was attached to Arkansas's 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, subsequently attached to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, in Baghdad, Iraq. He was then selected as the 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Command Sergeant Major in 2005. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina the brigade was mobilized and within 24 hours they were on the ground in New Orleans, providing support to civilian law enforcement to help restore stability in the city. In January 2006, CSM Conley and the brigade deployed again, serving as the headquarters for Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix V in Kabul, Afghanistan.

CSM Conley's military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award); Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device); Iraqi Campaign Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 4); Army Service Ribbon; National Defense Medal; Oregon Distinguished Service Medal; Oregon Meritorious Service Medal; Oregon Faithful Service Medal; Oregon Emergency Service Ribbon; and the Oregon Superior Soldier Ribbon (2 Oak Leaf Clusters). CSM Conley has also been awarded the Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

CSM Conley's military and civilian education includes the Basic Airborne Course, Jungle Operations Training Center Course (2), Ranger School, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster Course, Special Operations Training Course, and the Northern Warfare Training Center Instructors Course, Primary, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy Non-resident course, and the National Defense University's Keystone Course. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Western Oregon University and a Master's Degree in Political Science from American Military University. In his civilian career he teaches high school chemistry and physics.