Command Sergeant Major John S. Brown Jr. is a native of South Carolina where he entered the Army in September of 1997. He attended Basic Training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training in Fort Bliss, Texas as an Air Defense C4I Operator and Maintainer (14J). His assignments include the 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, NY (SHORAD); 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Stewart, GA (SHORAD); National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; 31st Air Defense Artillery BDE; III CORPS Headquarters, Fort Hood, TX; 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (PATRIOT), Fort Hood, TX; 12th Missile Defense Battery (AN/TPY-2), Al Udied Air Base, Qatar; United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command-Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC / ARSTRAT), Peterson Air Force Base, CO; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (RES), Fort Bliss, TX; 1st Space Brigade, Fort Carson, CO; Camp Carroll, South Korea and Camp Atterbury, IN. Command Sergeant Major Brown has deployed three times in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN.

Command Sergeant Major Brown has served in a variety of position throughout his military career to include C4I Senior Operator, Sentinel Radar Team Chief, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Bronco Team ADA Observer Controller, Lizard Team Space Observer Controller, Detachment NCOIC, Operations Sergeant, Battery First Sergeant, BDE S3 Operations Sergeant Major, Command Sergeant Major 2-1 ADA (Patriot) BN and Command Sergeant Major 1-362 ADA (TS) BN.

Command Sergeant Major Brown's military education includes C4I Course, PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOC, Combat Lifesavers Course, Equal Opportunity Course, NTC Observer/ Controller Course, Battle Staff Course, Master Resiliency Course, T2 Assist Course, Sensor Managers Qualification Course, Sensor Manager Planner Course, Space 200 Course, Foundation Instructor Facilitator Course (FIFC), the Space Operations Officer Qualification Course (FA40) and the Joint Air Operations Command and Control (JAOC2) Course. He is a graduate of Class 68 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and holds a Bachelor of Science from Southwestern College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Presidential Unit Citation Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2) the Space Badge and Driver's Badge. He is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. Command Sergeant Major Brown is married to the former Chagoll Buhl and together they have a blended family consisting of six children: Devonte, Jaloni, Samone, Shanti, Leah, Jaylon and a granddaughter Taelynn.