

SERGEANT MAJOR KENYATTA J. GASKINS

Sergeant Major Gaskins assumed duties as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs on 1 Jun 2023. This position is the most senior enlisted position within the Adjutant General's Corps. He is primarily responsible for providing advice, guidance, and recommendations on policies that affect the force for all components (Active, Guard and Reserve).



SGM Gaskins joined the United States Army on 3 January 1996 and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Upon graduation from AIT, SGM Gaskins was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 75H – Personnel Services Specialist, now 42A - Human Resources Specialist. SGM Gaskins has served in the 18th Personnel Group (Airborne), Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Fort Clayton, Panama; 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Fort Liberty, NC; Headquarters, United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Liberty, NC; United States Army Office of Military Support (Airborne), Washington, DC and 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment - DELTA (Airborne), Fort Liberty, NC. SGM Gaskins has served as the Command Sergeant Major for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (HHBn), 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Liberty, NC and the Command Sergeant Major for the United States Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands. SGM Gaskins most recently served as the HQDA, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Directorate of Military Personnel Management (DMPM) Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Gaskins has deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and several Overseas Contingency Operations. SGM Gaskins has served as an Awards Specialist, Personnel Services Specialist; Personnel Reassignments Specialist, Personnel Actions NCO, Personnel Services NCO, Human Resources NCO, Battalion S-1 NCOIC, First Sergeant, G-1 Senior Human Resources NCOIC, Special Operations Joint Task Force J-1 Senior Enlisted Advisor, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Garrison Command Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Gaskins has completed the Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault Course, Jumpmaster Course, Basic, Advanced, and Senior Leader Courses, Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Courses, the Battalion and Brigade Command Sergeant Major Development Programs, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Course, Equal Opportunity Leader Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Manpower and Force Management Course, Brigade S-1 Operations Course, Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Course (Non-Resident), and the Nominative Leader Course.

Sergeant Major Gaskins' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Service Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), the Combat Action Badge, the Basic, Senior, and Master Parachutist Badges, the Air Assault Badge, and the Driver's Badge.