



U.S. Army Contracting Command

Command Sergeant Major Rachel Harris



Command Sergeant Major Rachel Harris is the seventh Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Command Sgt. Maj. Harris serves as the ACC Commanding General's senior enlisted adviser on all enlisted matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life.

Harris entered military service on May 26, 2000, and attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, while assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. She obtained the military occupational specialty of an Administrative Specialist and later re-classified as a Supply Sergeant, then as a Contracting Noncommissioned Officer.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harris holds a bachelor's degree in business administration (cum laude) and Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources, both awarded from Ashford University. Additionally, she has earned a dual certification in Health Wellness and Life Coaching from the Health Coach Institute.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harris' military education includes: all levels of NCO primary education to include the Nominative Leaders Course, Action Officer Logistics Course, Airborne School, Drill Sergeant School, Battle Staff Course, Contracting for Decision Makers Course, Commandants Pre-Command Course, Company Commander/First Sergeant Course, Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course, Common Faculty Development-Developer Course, and the Evaluator Instructor Course. Additionally, she has earned the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level 3 professional certification in contracting.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harris has served in an array of leadership, administrative, logistics, and acquisition assignments. Previous assignments include: three deployments to Iraq; one deployment to Afghanistan; two deployments to Qatar; mission support in Vanuatu, Philippines, Singapore, Cambodia, Jordan, Syria, and Dubai; 17th Aviation Brigade Administrative Specialist in Yongsan, Korea; HHD 704th Division Support Battalion 4ID Administrative Specialist in Fort Cavazos, Texas; C Co Medical Forward Support Battalion 4ID Supply Sergeant in Fort Cavazos, Texas; HHC 168 Brigade Support Battalion S4 NCOIC in Fort Sill, Oklahoma; C Co 2-13th Infantry Regiment Platoon Drill Sergeant and Company Senior Drill Sergeant in Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 645th Contracting Support Team NCOIC in Doha, Qatar; 729th Contracting Team NCOIC in Fort Shafter, Hawaii; 413th Contracting Support Brigade (CSB) Contracting Support Operations NCOIC in Fort Shafter, Hawaii; 921st Contracting Battalion S3 Operations NCOIC in Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii; Senior Instructor Staff and Faculty Development Division, First Sergeant Staff and Faculty Directorate NCO Leadership Center of Excellence (NCOLCoE), Fort Bliss, Texas; Battalion Sergeant Major Regional Contracting Center, Bagram, Afghanistan; Battalion Sergeant Major for the 919th Contracting Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas; Brigade Command Sergeant Major 414th Contracting Support Brigade, Vicenza, Italy; and Contracting Operations SGM, ACC Headquarters, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

While assigned to the 413th CSB, Command Sgt. Maj. Harris was nominated and selected to serve as an instructor for the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence from January 2017 to April 2019. During the nominative assignment, Command Sgt. Maj. Harris later was nominated to serve as the First Sergeant for the Staff and Faculty Directorate. The organization included senior military personnel, Department of the Army civilians and contractors. Her key billet was instrumental to training the generating force of the NCO Corps.

From October 2021 to March 2022, Command Sgt. Maj. Harris completed her most recent deployment in Qatar and was assigned as the ACC-Afghanistan CSM. Additionally, she served as a Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Defense Security Cooperation Management Operations Afghanistan.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harris' awards and decorations include the Contingency Contracting Officer (CCO) Award of Excellence awarded by the Secretary of the Army and the ACC covenant CCO medallion, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (6th award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (5 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Medal (numeral 7), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 6), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Senior Army Instructor Badge and the Parachute Badge.

Lastly, Command Sgt. Maj. Harris is an honorary member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club.

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