

KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Command Sergeant Major Steve Harmon is the senior enlisted advisor to the 69th Troop Command of the Kansas Army National Guard. In this role, he provides mission command as part of the command team for approximately 1,000 Soldiers and civilian employees assigned, and advises the commander on all matters involving the readiness, lethality, force integration, utilization, resiliency and Soldier/Civilian development and performance.

Harmon enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1986 as an armored crewman, leaving as the distinguished graduate from One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has served at all levels of an enlisted armor soldier and noncommissioned officer from armor crewman through the position of first sergeant with several companies and battalions within the Kansas Army National Guard.



Harmon has served in the Army more than 30 years in numerous units throughout his career, including the 5th Infantry Division, 35th Infantry Division, 40th Infantry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne and U.S. Army Central with tours in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. He has served as the command sergeant major of the Kansas Army National Guard Joint Forces Headquarter Battalion, advisor to the 205th Corps Afghanistan National Army command sergeant major, 287th Special Troops Battalion command sergeant major, Kansas National Guard Training Center command sergeant major, and most recently as the U.S. Army Central (Forward) command sergeant major /635th Regional Support Group command sergeant major in Kuwait. In 2018, Harmon became the command sergeant major for 69th Troop Command.

Harmon's military education includes Airborne, Tank Commanders Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, BattleStaff Course, Inter-Service Nonlethal Weapons Instructor Course, and the First Sergeants Course. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Command Sergeants Major Course, and the Nominative Leaders Course. Harmon's civilian education includes a master's degree in instructional design/technology, a master's degree in higher education/student services and a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Harmon is a traditional Guardsman and in the civilian sector serves as the education services officer for the Kansas Army National Guard. Recently he served a four year-term as an elected city commissioner and has worked in higher education and as an entrepreneur for more than 20 years as a director of business/industry training and development, foundation director, and development officer. He is a lifetime member of Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, the Armor Association, Leadership Kansas, and Leadership Emporia.

Harmon's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, NATO Medal second award, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Order of the Spur and the Order of St. George, Meritorious Unit Citation second award and the Combat Action Badge.

Harmon is married to the former Amy Petitjean, of Newton, Kansas They have three children, two attending post-secondary education and one in high school and reside in Emporia, Kansas.