

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN M. BURNS

108th Sustainment Brigade, Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major John M. Burns assumed duties as the 108th Sustainment Brigade's sergeant major June 1, 2009. His previous assignment was as the 644th Personnel Services Battalion Senior Enlisted Adviser.

CSM Burns enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1984 as a combat infantryman with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment. He has served in every enlisted leadership position from squad leader to first sergeant during his 22 years in the infantry before becoming the brigade senior enlisted adviser for the 108th Sustainment Brigade.

CSM Burns has served on overseas missions in the Republic of the Philippines, Aruba, and Bulgaria. He deployed to Germany under task Force Sante Fe in 2002 supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He also deployed for 18 months in 2005-2006 to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is presently deployed to the Kuwait in support of OEF.



CSM Burns civilian education includes an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from Lewis and Clark Community College; Bachelor's of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; and a Master's of Arts History Degree from the University of Illinois Springfield. His military education includes several levels of noncommissioned officer development training, Air Assault, Army First Sergeant Course and the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy.

CSM Burns' awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (8 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal, Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 award), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M device and 2nd Award), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge (Gold), German Military Sportsmanship Badge (Bronze), Iron Mike Award and numerous citations and letters of commendation, appreciation and merit.

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