



**Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson Sr.**  
**Joint Force Headquarters**  
**Illinois Army National Guard**



Command Sgt. Maj. Howard O. Robinson Sr. was selected as the Illinois Army National Guard's 10th Command Sergeant Major and 3rd state senior enlisted adviser in November 2011.

While serving in this position Robinson is the principal enlisted adviser to the Assistant Adjutant General - Army on all enlisted Soldier related matters. He is responsible for the training of more than 11,000 Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers as the state senior enlisted adviser and to provide leadership and guidance and to ensure Soldier readiness at all times.

With more than 20 years of service Robinson began his career in the Illinois Army National Guard on July 8, 1983 serving with the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago. He has served as headquarters battery fire support sergeant, battalion fire support sergeant, brigade fire support sergeant, battery senior enlisted adviser, intelligence sergeant and operations



sergeant. In 2003 Robinson was selected as battalion senior enlisted adviser for 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment based in Milan, Illinois with subordinate units in Galesburg and Macomb, Illinois. Robinson served in this battalion until September 2005 when he was reassigned as the battalion senior enlisted adviser for 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago. Robinson served as the brigade senior enlisted adviser for the 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade based in Chicago from 2009 to 2011 before assuming his current position.

Robinson is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy. His military education also includes the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course and other NCO and leader development course. Robinson served overseas in Germany participating in a War Fighter Exercise at U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr.

Robinson's awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal 2nd award, Army Commendation Medal 4th Award, Army Achievement Medal 3rd Award, Overseas Training Service Ribbon 2nd award, Humanitarian Service Medal, Long and Honorable Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon.

In his civilian career Robinson served as a healthcare administrator for the Cook County Bureau of Health Systems. In this role he had oversight for the Departments of Environmental Services, Dietary, and Emergency Preparedness. Robinson is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration at Governors State University.

Robinson belongs to the American Legion Post in Hazel Crest and the Fraternal Order of St. Barbara (Field Artillery), the National Association of Health Services Executives and the Hazel Crest Veterans Commission.

Robinson is married to Deborah A. Robinson and are the parents of three children; Elisha Charlene, Howard Jr. and Elliott. They have four grandchildren.