

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ROBERT E. BENNETT**  
State Command Sergeant Major, Montana Army National Guard



Command Sergeant Major Robert E. Bennett assumed the duties as the State Command Sergeant Major on 1 June 2001. He is the principle enlisted advisor to the Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to enlisted Soldiers.

His previous duty assignments include Command Sergeant Major, 95th (Brigade) Troop Command; Command Sergeant Major, 1-189th Attack Helicopter Battalion; First Sergeant, Air Troop, 163d Cavalry Regiment; and Platoon Sergeant, Aero Weapons Platoon, Air Troop 163d Armored Cavalry Regiment; Attack Helicopter Crew Chief, 336th Assault Helicopter Company, Republic of Vietnam.

**EDUCATION:**

1967 Medicine Lake High School  
1967 Basic Combat Training  
1967 Aircraft Maintenance Course  
1968 UH-1 Helicopter Repairman Course  
1974 Basic NCO Course  
1978 Chadwick Balancer Training  
1980 Senior NCO Course  
1980 First Sergeant Course  
1984 UH-1 (Huey) Helicopter, Beech Aerospace Technical Training  
1988 United States Army Sergeants Major Academy  
1996 Leadership Helena  
1997 Performance Management

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. April 1968 – April 1969, Attack Helicopter Crew Chief, 336th Assault Helicopter Company, South Viet Nam
2. March 1972 – September 1976, Attack Helicopter Crew Chief Troop N (Air), 163rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Helena, MT
3. September 1976 – July 1983, Platoon Sergeant Aero Weapons Platoon, Air Troop 163d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Helena MT
4. July 1983 – September 1988, First Sergeant, Air Troop 163rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Helena, MT
5. September 1988 – April 1995, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 189th Attack Helicopter Battalion, Montana Army National Guard, Helena, MT
6. April 1995 – June 2001, Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 95th (Brigade) Troop Command, Helena, MT
7. June 2001 – Present, State Command Sergeant Major, Joint Force Headquarters, Helena, MT

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with the numeral 34  
Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Good Conduct Medal  
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with nine oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with three bronze stars  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
NCO Professional Development Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal  
Montana Army National Guard Distinguished Service Medal  
Montana Army National Guard Recruiting Ribbon  
Montana Army National Guard Campaign Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters  
Montana Army National Guard Service Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters  
Montana Army National Guard Attendance Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters  
Montana Army National Guard PT Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters  
Aircraft Crewman Badge  
Senior Aircraft Crewman Badge  
Master Aircraft Crewman Badge

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Enlisted Association of Montana  
Fort Harrison Service Club  
US Army Noncommissioned Officer Museum Association  
Helena Cathedral Parish  
Carroll College Athletic Association

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

E-4 February 1968  
E-5 July 1968  
E-6 September 1976  
E-7 October 1978  
E-8 July 1983  
E-9 September 1988

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