

Command Sergeant Major Kendall R. Struxness

North Dakota Army National Guard



Command Sergeant Major Kendall Struxness was born in Fargo, ND and enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard in April 1988. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in August 1988, and Advanced Individual Training as a Combat Engineer (12B) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in July 1989.

His military full-time assignments included the Rear Detachment NCO Army National Guard M-Day (Title 10), Company B, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB), Valley City, ND; Assistant Human Resource NCO, HHC, 141st ECB, Valley City, ND, Readiness NCO, Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), Fargo, ND; Battalion Operations NCO, 231st BSB, Valley City, ND; Assistant Brigade Operations NCO, 141st MEB, Fargo, ND, G3 Operations SGM, Bismarck, ND.

Command Sergeant Major Struxness' leadership positions include Combat Engineer Team Leader, Squad Leader, Stock Control Supervisor, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion and Brigade Operations NCO, Chief

Operations Sergeant, and 142nd Engineer Battalion Command Sergeant Major. On April 14th, 2026 he was selected as the 14th State Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Struxness deployed with Company A, 231st BSB to Kosovo 2009-2010 and to the Southern Border 2025 with HHC 142nd EN BN as the 142nd Command Sergeant Major.

His civilian education consists of two years at the University of North Dakota, one year at North Dakota State University majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Psychology. CSM Struxness completed Peace Officers Training at the University of North Dakota – Lake Region (May 1992). His military education includes; Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course Phase I and II, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course Phase I and II, and Sergeants Major Academy. CSM Struxness earned a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Workforce Development.

CSM Struxness' Decorations and Awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass and "M" Device with Numeral 2, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 5, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with Numeral 4, NATO Medal, North Dakota Commendation Ribbon, North Dakota Basic Combat Training Ribbon, North Dakota Emergency Service Ribbon with 2 Devices, North Dakota Service Ribbon with Gold Hourglass, Mexican Border Defense Medal, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver - Wheeled Vehicles Clasp.

He resides in Fargo, ND and has two children, Riley (26), and Jocilin (24).