

CSM Kenneth Kachena was born in Park River, ND and enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard in December 2000. He completed basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in August 2001 and Advanced Individual Training as a Stinger Crewmember (14M) at Fort Bliss, Texas in August 2002. CSM Kachena currently serves as the 164 RTI Commandant, in Devils Lake, ND.

His military assignments included the Assistant S4 Active Guard Reserve (AGR), 1-188th ADA, Grand Forks, ND; Admin NCO, HHB, 1-188th ADA, Grand Forks, ND; Supply Sergeant, HHB, 1-188th ADA, Grand Forks, ND; Readiness NCO, Battery B, 1-188th ADA, Grand Forks, ND; BN Operations NCO, 1-188th ADA, Grand Forks, ND; BDE Operations NCO, 141 Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fargo, ND, BN CSM 142 Engineer Battalion, Commandant 164 Regional Training Institute.

CSM Kachena's leadership positions include Avenger Squad Leader, Avenger Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Avenger Master Gunner, First Sergeant, BN and BDE Operations NCO, BN CSM, and Commandant.

His civilian education consists of a master's in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota and a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Valley City State University. His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course phase I and II, Senior Leader Course, Avenger Master Gunner Course, and the Sergeant's Major Academy.

CSM Kachena's Decorations, Awards and Certificates include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and 20 year Bronze Hourglass, Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Non Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon with numeral 5, Army Service Ribbon Overseas Service Ribbon Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Driver Mechanic Badge, Master Gunner Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, North Dakota State Commendation Ribbon, North Dakota National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon, North Dakota National Guard Service Ribbon, North Dakota National Guard Basic Training Ribbon

He married the former Carrie Ann Langerud on October 16, 1999. They have resided in Grand Forks, ND since 2005 and have two daughters, Peyton (22) and Reilyn (18).