



# CSM Michelle L. Thompson

TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR

Command Sergeant Major Michelle L. Thompson serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Deputy Adjutant General – Army (DAG-Army) for the State of Texas. As the Senior Enlisted Advisor, CSM Thompson assists and advises the DAG-Army in exercising and executing their command responsibilities and advises on all enlisted Army matters. The SEA-Army, also works with the Chief of the Joint Staff to prepare the state for contingency operations in either a federal or state emergency, to include manmade or natural disasters, and federal military mobilizations.

CSM Thompson enlisted in the United States Army as a Combat Signal Specialist in 1991. She attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Throughout her career she trained in multiple military occupational specialties, to include 68W, 25U, 92Y, and 91C. CSM Thompson served in the Montana Army National Guard before joining the Texas Army National Guard as a traditional Guard Soldier in 1997. In 2005, CSM Thompson deployed with the 36th Infantry Division to Iraq. Upon her return, she served as the Senior BNCOC Instructor for the 136th Regional Training Institute at Camp Mabry, Texas, until she returned to Iraq in 2009. Following deployment, she has served in a variety of positions, to include First Sergeant, C Company, 949th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB); Command Sergeant Major, 949th Brigade Support Battalion; and Command Sergeant Major, 36th Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion. While serving as the Special Troops Battalion CSM, she concurrently assisted in standing up the 372d Combat Service Support Battalion in Dallas, Texas. Following that assignment, CSM Thompson was selected as the Command Sergeant Major, 36th Sustainment Brigade where she served from October 2017-May 2020. She has worked in-parallel as a trauma nurse and an Emergency Preparedness team member in her civilian career. Prior to her selection as SEA-Army, CSM Thompson served simultaneously as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 71st Troop Command and J3 Sergeant Major, Joint Force Headquarters-Texas where she assisted in coordinating with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and other local agencies to resource the Texas National Guard's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Civil Disturbance response operations at the National Capitol and Texas Capitol, Winter Weather Response, and the initial Texas border response of 2021.



## EDUCATION

- 1992 31K (25U)-Combat Signal, Fort Gordon, Ga.
- 1992 31M (25U) -Multi-Channel Communication Equipment Operator, Fort Gordon, Ga.
- 1994 Primary Leadership Development Course, Camp Williams, Utah
- 1995 AC/DC, Electrical General Studies, Fredrick Community College, Fredrick, Md.
- 2000 91B-Medical Specialist with conversion to 68W, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- 2000 National Registry EMT, TVCC, Kaufman, Texas
- 2001 92Y-Unit Supply Specialist, by correspondence
- 2002 91C-Practical Nurse Course (Commandant's List), Fort Sam Houston, Texas

2006 Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas  
2007 Small Group Instructor Training Course (SGITC), Camp Mabry, Texas  
2007 Total Army Instructor Training Course (TAITC), Camp Mabry, Texas  
2007 Army Basic Instructor Course (ABIC), Camp Mabry, Texas  
2007 FEMA Courses: ICS-100 – ICS-800, Baylor University Medical Center  
2009 Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Fort Devens, Mass.  
2009 Registered Nurse Course (Magna Cum Laude), Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas  
2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence  
2016 ASI 2S Battle Staff Training, Fort Bliss, Texas  
2016 United States Army Sergeant Major Course, Fort Bliss, Texas  
2018 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II, by correspondence  
2018 Nominative Leaders Course (NLC), US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.  
2020 Distributed Leader Course VI, by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. March 1991 - Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J.
2. May 1992 - Sep 1992, 31K Student, Advanced Individual Training, Fort Gordon, Ga.
3. September 1992 - April 1993, Radio Operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 163d Armored Brigade, Bozeman, Mont.
4. April 1993 – February 1996, Combat Signal Radio Team Lead, Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 163d Armored Brigade, Livingston, Mont.
5. February 1996 – November 1997, 91B Student, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
6. November 1997 – February 1997, 91B, Medical NCO, Detachment 3, Headquarters, State Area Command, Billings, Mont.
7. February 1997 – June 2001, Medical NCO, C Company, 949th Forward Support Battalion, 49th Armored Division, Grand Prairie, Texas
8. June 2001 – July 2002, 91C Student, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
9. August 2002 – June 2004, Practical Nurse, C Company, 949th Brigade Support Battalion, 36th Infantry Division, Grand Prairie, Texas
10. July 2004 – November 2004, Brigade Medical NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Fort Worth, Texas
11. December 2004 – November 2005, Brigade Medical NCO, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Iraq
12. December 2005 – March 2006, Brigade Medical NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Fort Worth, Texas
13. April 2006 – April 2009, Senior BNCOC Instructor, 2d Battalion, 136th Regional Training Institute, Austin, Texas
14. May 2009 – August 2009, Brigade Judge Advocate NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Iraq
15. September 2009 – September 2010, Senior BNCOC Instructor, 2d Battalion, 136th Regional Training Institute, Austin, Texas
16. October 2010 – October 2013, First Sergeant, C Company 949th Brigade Support Battalion, 36th Infantry Division, Grand Prairie, Texas
17. November 2013 – November 2016, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 949th Brigade Support Battalion, 36th Infantry Division, Fort Worth, Texas
18. December 2016 – June 2017, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 36th Special Troops Battalion, 36th Sustainment Brigade, Temple, Texas

19. July 2017 – October 2017, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, 372d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 36th Sustainment Brigade, Temple, Texas
20. October 2017 – May 2020, Brigade Command Sergeant Major, 36th Sustainment Brigade, Temple, Texas
21. May 2020 – December 2021, J3 Sergeant Major, Joint Forces Headquarters, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas
21. April 2021 – December 2021, Senior Enlisted Leader, 71st Troop Command, Austin, Texas
22. January 2022 – Present, Senior Enlisted Advisor to Deputy Adjutant General-Army, Joint Forces Headquarters, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

May 2020 – December 2021, J3 Sergeant Major, Joint Force Headquarters-Texas, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

Army Good Conduct Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass, M-device and numeral two

Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral six

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon

Texas Governor Unit Citation Award

Texas Faithful Service Medal with bronze cactus leaf

Texas Combat Service Ribbon

Texas Federal Service Medal

Adjutant General's Individual Award with star

Honorable Order of Saint Barbara

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Sergeant May 16, 1994

Staff Sergeant June 1, 2004

Sergeant First Class October 1, 2007

Master Sergeant/First Sergeant September 18, 2010

Command Sergeant Major/ Sergeant Major October 30, 2013

**(Current as of May 2022)**