



**138th Regiment Indiana Regional
Training Institute
Enlisted Commandant**

Command Sgt. Maj. James G. Forbes II is a native of Auburn, Indiana. He enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard in March 1993 and has served in numerous leadership positions within the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 38th Infantry Division, and the Headquarters, Recruiting and Retention Command for Indiana. His assignments include Operations Sergeant Major, Squad Leader and First Sergeant. He was deployed twice to Iraq with Indiana Army National Guard units, as well as his most recent deployment to Afghanistan in 2012.

He completed the Infantryman's basic and advanced individual training through Fort Benning, Georgia in 1994. He has since completed the National Guard Bureau's, Primary Leadership Development Course, and the Army's Infantry Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course where he made the Commandants List. Some additional training completed by Forbes includes Battle Focus Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, NGB Scout/Sniper School, Air Assault School located at the Sabalauski Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He has also completed the Sling Load Inspector Certification Course, Small Arms Instructor/Range Operation Course, SINGARS Instructor Course, and has attended the U.S. Army's Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

Command Sgt. Maj. Forbes advanced his military career by reclassifying as a unit level Supply Sergeant where he graduated with honors. Through his extensive course completions, Forbes was then selected as one of the first Instructors to start the Recruit Sustainment Program for Indiana and attended the Recruiting and Retention Basic Course. There he finished the Recruiting Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course. He has also attended the Battalion Training/Operations Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge Course and has an additional skill identifier holding a Battle Staff NCO certification. Forbes has attended the Defense Support to Civilian Authorities Course and has graduated from the Tactical Battle Command Course. Forbes is also a graduate of U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Forbes holds a Bachelor Science degree from American Military University with a concentration in Transportation and Logistics Management and an Associate degree from Coastline Community College with an emphasis in Distribution Operations Management. He is married with three children and resides in Fishers, Indiana.

His federal awards include the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal with four loops, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Military Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal with bronze hour glass device, M device and numeral three, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral three, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Non Article 5 Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge. His state awards include the Indiana Commendation Medal, Indiana Long Service Medal, Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon with oak leaf cluster Indiana, Outside Continental Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters, Indiana Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral three, Indiana Recruiting Ribbon, Indiana Retention Ribbon with numeral two.