

Command Sgt. Maj. Albert E. Richardson Jr. Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command

Command Sgt. Maj. Albert E. Richardson Jr. is a native of Bentonia, Mississippi. He entered the Army July 14, 1994. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, as a culinary specialist 92G.

Richardson has served in every leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major. He has served as a section chief, platoon sergeant, supply and service noncommissioned officer in charge, S3 Operations NCOIC, interim command sergeant major of the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion; Army G4 Food Service Inspection Team sergeant major, Fort Lee, Virginia; command sergeant major of the 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; and command sergeant major of the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade.

Richardson's stateside assignments include Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort Lewis, Washington; and Fort Riley, Kansas. His overseas assignments include Korea, Italy, Germany, and Poland. He has deployed to Iraq.

Richardson's military education includes the Air Assault Course, Combatives Level I and II Courses, Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Senior Leaders Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, and Sergeants Major Course Class 66. His civilian education includes an associate degree in applied science from Columbia Southern University and a bachelor's degree in business from Excelsior College.

Richardson's awards and decorations include seven Meritorious Service Medals, seven Army Commendation Medals, nine Army Achievement Medals, three Meritorious Unit Commendation Medals, nine Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Ribbon with Bronze Star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal (4 Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, five NCO Development Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, seven Overseas Service Ribbons, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Driver's Badge, and the President's Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award.