



**Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard**

**CSM A. Frank Lever, III**



Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major A. Frank Lever III became the seventh Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard on January 8, 2001.

In this position, CSM Lever serves as the Army National Guard Director's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, with special emphasis on quality of life and training. He also acts as a representative and advocate for the 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia to the Army leadership and Congress.

The CSM spends the majority of his time visiting soldiers deployed around the world, observing training and visiting schools. He sits on several councils and boards that make decisions affecting soldiers, units and families. His interaction with other United States and foreign military services provides valuable insight into joint and combined operations.

CSM Lever attended public schools in Lexington, S.C. and graduated from The Citadel in 1969 with a degree in Political Science. Upon graduation, he joined the South Carolina Army National Guard as a traditional enlisted soldier and, over the last 34 years, has held all leadership positions in the Noncommissioned Officer Corps through the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

In addition to receiving his Bachelor's Degree, CSM Lever's civilian and military education include a Master's Degree in management from Webster University, The United States Army Sergeants Major Course, the Quality Guard Consultants Course, and the Master Fitness Trainer Course. He received certification and served as an Army Performance Improvement Criteria examiner.

Prior to joining the full-time force, CSM Lever worked in state government culminating with his work at the South Carolina Department of Youth Services as the Deputy Commissioner. He also founded, owned and operated two private companies.

For the eighteen years before he came to Washington, D.C., CSM Lever served full-time with the South Carolina Army National Guard in positions of increasingly greater responsibility. He was South Carolina State Command Sergeant Major, as well as 218<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Leadership) Command Sergeant Major, 51<sup>st</sup> Aviation Group Command Sergeant Major, and Region II NCO Academy Commandant.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Honorable Order of Saint Martin.

CSM Lever and his wife have two sons.

