



U.S. Army Contracting Command **Command Sergeant Major John L. Murray**

Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray became the second Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Contracting Command, a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Sept. 20, 2011. He will simultaneously serve as the Expeditionary Contracting Command Command Sergeant Major until a replacement arrives.

Command Sgt. Maj. Murray serves as the ACC executive director's senior enlisted adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life.

ACC, headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., includes two subordinate commands, the Mission and Installation Contracting Command and the Expeditionary Contracting Command; and six major contracting centers that support AMC's other major subordinate and life cycle management commands. ACC provides global contracting support to warfighters through the full spectrum of military operations. ACC consists of more than 5,700 military and civilian personnel worldwide who award and manage more than 240,000 contractual actions valued at an estimated \$92.9 billion per year.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Command Sgt. Maj. Murray joined the Army in 1979 as a radio operator, completing initial entry and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga. He has served in a variety of assignments from team chief to command sergeant major.

His assignments have included duty with the 1st Battalion, 81st Field Artillery, Neu Ulm, Germany; 34th Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan.; Drill Sergeant, 5th Training Brigade, Fort Dix, N.J.; two tours with Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; 229th Signal Company, Camp Humphrey, Korea; 385th Signal Company, Camp Doha, Kuwait; 501st Signal Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky.; 44th Signal Battalion, Mannheim, Germany; 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany; 54th Signal Battalion, Riyadh Saudi Arabia; 10th Signal Battalion, Fort Drum, N.Y.; 160th Signal Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Commandant of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Command Sgt. Maj. Murray's military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, U. S. Army Sergeants Major Course, Drill Sergeant Course, International Morse Code Course, Basic Airborne Course, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster Course, and the Air Assault Course. He holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems and a master's in Organizational Leadership from American Public University.

He has deployed in support of Operations Ernest Will (Kuwait), Just Cause (Panama), Desert Storm/Shield (Kuwait/Iraq), Joint Guard (Bosnia), Southern Watch (Saudi Arabia), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq).

Command Sgt. Maj. Murray's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (6 oak leaf clusters). He has been awarded the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge and numerous foreign jump wings.



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