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CSM Graves assumed responsibility as the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Command Sergeant Major (CSM) July 15, 2020. A native of Tipler, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1995. Throughout his career, he has served in operational assignments in Kuwait, Iraq, and Korea.

CSM Graves' military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, First Sergeant's Course, the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy Non-resident Class 39, Command Sergeants Major Development Program (FO-BDE & BN), Nominative Leaders Course, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course I and II, Keystone Course, M1/M1A1 Abrams Master Gunner Course, M1A2 SEP Tank Maintainers Course, Basic Instructor Training Course, Master Driver Training Course, Defense Packaging of Hazardous Materials Course, and the ARNG 79T Basic Recruiter and Career Counselor Course.



CSM Graves' assignments include Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, Fort Riley, KS; Detachment 4, HQ Starc, Wisconsin Army National Guard; Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 68th Armor and Charlie Company, 1st Battalion 68th Armor, Fort Carson, Colorado; USA NCOA/DSS, Fort Knox, KY; Apache Troop, 1st Squadron 3d ACR, Fort Carson, CO; Grim Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR and Headquarters Troop 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR, Fort Hood, TX; 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment (SBCT), Fort Hood, TX; 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3ABCT, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; 2d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA; and Department of the Army Headquarters G-3/5/7, Washington, DC.

CSM Graves has held numerous leadership positions; Tank Commander, NCOES Instructor, Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, Company/Troop First Sergeant, Brigade Operations NCO, Battalion and Brigade Operations Sergeant Major at the Battalion and Brigade level, Command Sergeant Major at the Battalion and Brigade level, and most recently served as a Directorate Sergeant Major on the Army Staff.

CSM Graves' awards and decorations include: the Legion Of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver and 3 bronze OLC), the Valorous Unit Award (1 OLC), the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the

Iraq Campaign Medal (5 campaign stars), the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Valorous Unit Award (1 OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Badge, Master Gunner Identification Badge, and Drivers Badge (Wheeled). CSM Graves is also a recipient of the Armor Association's Honorable Bronze Order of St. George, Infantry Association's Honorable Order of St. Maurice (Legionnaire), Order of Samuel Sharp, the Draper Armor Leadership Award and has earned his Silver and Gold Cavalry Spurs.

CSM Graves is a graduate of Excelsior College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts.

CSM Graves is married to the former Anna Liisa Jokinen. They have four adult children; SPC Justine Graves (United States Army Reserve), SGT Brenden Graves (United States Army), Hannali Takkunen (DoD Civilian), and Gavin Takkunen. They also have two grandchildren.