

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL W. ROBERTS

US Army, Retired

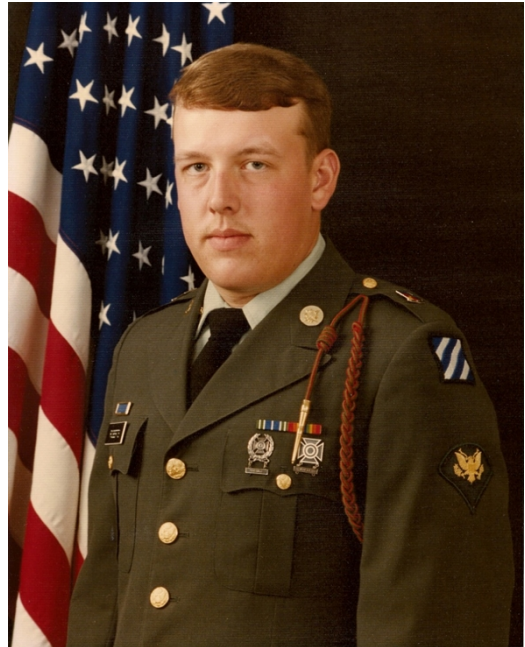


CSM Michael Roberts enlisted in the Army in 1981 and, after training as a MI Systems Maintainer, he was assigned to the Counterintelligence/ Signal Security Support Battalion of the 902^d MI Group at Fort Sam Houston. Thus began a 30-year Army career of an MI professional dedicated to the highest principles of leadership.

CSM Roberts spent many of his early years in Germany, first attached to the Division Automation Management Office of the 3rd Infantry Division, with sole responsibility for maintaining the Division Tactical Operations Center and associated intelligence and automation equipment modernization efforts. He also served as Platoon Sergeant at Field Station Berlin where he provided excellent leadership and training support of the maintenance mission. Roberts then spent several years at Fort Huachuca serving as the First Sergeant of the 306th MI Battalion, Battalion Sergeant Major for the 304th MI Battalion, Sergeant Major of the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Test Directorate, and Command Sergeant Major of the 309th MI Battalion. These assignments were broken up by a one-year tour as First Sergeant for Company A, 3rd MI Battalion, Camp Humphreys, Korea.

Beginning in 2005, he served two and one-half years as Command Sergeant Major for the 504th MI Brigade at Fort Hood, just after the unit returned from its deployment to Iraq. CSM Roberts was the driving force in reevaluating the brigade's mission and Mission Essential Task List, incorporating lessons learned from the brigade's Iraq service into its deployment preparation plans, and deploying the 504th again to Iraq. CSM Roberts' actions were instrumental in the brigade's ability to provide timely and actionable intelligence to the Battalion, Brigade, Division, and Multi-National Corps–Iraq commanders using human, signals, and imagery intelligence collection assets across the entire Iraqi theater. This included the integration of Task Force Observe, Detect, Identify, and Neutralize (ODIN) into the organization in support of the counter-improvised explosive device (IED) effort.

CSM Roberts began his culminating assignment as the Command Sergeant Major for the 111th MI Brigade at Fort Huachuca in January 2008. In addition to transitioning the brigade's Drill Sergeants to Platoon Sergeants, he oversaw the complete revision of the brigade's initial entry training and professional military education in light of an unprecedented increase in student load. Key to this revision was the integration of enlisted, noncommissioned officer, and officer students into realistic training exercises to replicate the working environment in Afghanistan. He was a critical force in the development of MI's newest generation of military technicians and leaders.



LTC James Chambers, US Army, Retired, nominated CSM Roberts to the MI Corps Hall of Fame citing his “stellar military career over three decades.” Chambers went on to state, “[Roberts], more than any other Soldier I have known, has been the model of the ‘Always Out Front’ ethic of the Military Intelligence Corps. His dedication, loyalty, and pride in our Corps are exemplary. His legacy lives on in the thousands of Soldiers he shaped, molded, and mentored during his career.”

CSM Roberts' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Parachutist badge.

CSM Roberts was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2014.

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CSM Roberts in 2006 with his son, PFC Roberts