

CSM KARL GRONINGER

CSM Groninger was born in Newark, N.J. and raised in Toms River, N.J. He enlisted into the Army in August 1982 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Upon completion of OSUT, he was awarded the Military Occupational Skill of 12B1O (Combat Engineer). In 1984, he attended the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center and was reclassified as a 00B1O (Diver).

Some of his previous duties include being assigned as the Directorate of Public Works Sergeant Major for U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Hood in Texas; Command Sergeant Major for the 92nd Engineer Battalion in Fort Stewart, Ga.; and the Command Sergeant Major for U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Groninger's awards and decorations include the Legion Of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), Good Conduct Medal (9th award), National Defense Service Medal (1 bronze service star), Iraqi Campaign Medal, GWOEM, GWOTSM, Southwest Asia Service Medal (3 bronze service stars), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Master Diver Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Mechanic Badge (Operator–S), Sapper Tab. Groninger is also a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal.

His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Air Assault Course, Jungle Operations Training Center, Basic Underwater Construction Course, Basic Noncommissioned Course, Instructor Training Course, Sapper Leader Course, Advanced Underwater Construction Course, Strategic Deployment Planning Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Master Diver Certification Course, Offshore Petroleum Discharge System (OPDS) OIC Course, OPDS Single Anchor Leg Mooring (SALM) Technician Course, First Sergeant Course, Risk Analysis Course, Contracting Officer Representative Course, Sergeants Major Academy, and the Garrison Command Sergeants Major Course. He received his Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College.

