

Sgt. Maj. Raymond Chandler, III Full Bio



Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, (Ret) was the 14th Sergeant Major of the Army, sworn in on March 1, 2011, and served until January 30, 2015. Throughout his 34-year career he served in every enlisted leadership position, from all tank crewman positions to Sergeant Major of the Army. He was Operations Sergeant Major 1/2 Armored Cavalry Regiment and as Command Sergeant Major in 1/7 Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division; United States Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the United States Army Armor School Command Sergeant Major. Subsequently, SMA Chandler was assigned to the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USAMSA) as the Command Sergeant Major in December 2007, and in June 2009 became the 19th Commandant of United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the first enlisted commandant in USASMA history.

SMA (Ret.) Chandler has a B.S. degree in public administration from Upper Iowa University.

Since he retired in 2015 SMA (R) Chandler was appointed to the National Commission on the Future of the Army. The commission was tasked to make recommendations on the size, force mix of the Army as well as making recommendations on AH-64 Apaches in the National Guard. The final report was delivered to the Congress and President of January 28, 2016. He has also been asked to participate in various boards and panels focused on Service member transition assistance.

SMA Chandler was hired by Lockheed Martin on 1 June 2015 as a senior program manager and lives in Orlando, Florida.