



Sergeant Major Eric W. Cherry

Command Sergeant Major
Tobyhanna Army Depot

Sergeant Major Eric W. Cherry is the sergeant major of Tobyhanna Army Depot, the Defense Department's largest facility for the repair, overhaul and integration of Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. The depot, located in Northeastern Pennsylvania, employs over 3,800 personnel.

As sergeant major, his responsibilities include overseeing mission requirements and quality of life issues on the depot and in the local community. He advises the commander on all matters relating to Soldiers, the civilian work force and their family members. In addition, he serves as the voice of the warfighters who use depot-repaired equipment once it arrives on the battlefield.

Cherry enlisted in the United States Army on June 30, 1993. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Individual Training as a special electronic device repairer at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He is certified as a senior electronic maintenance supervisor. His education includes a master's degree in business management.

He has served in staff and leadership positions at a number of Army installations. He was the noncommissioned officer (NCO) in charge of the electronic shop at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the electronic maintenance supervisor and first sergeant while assigned to a unit in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and the first sergeant and operations sergeant at Fort Gordon, Georgia. An assignment to Mannheim, Germany, provided the opportunity to serve as a radio repair technical inspector and electronic maintenance supervisor. Later in Fort Huachuca, Arizona, he served as first sergeant, then senior logistics service supervisor at Camp Zama, Japan, and an operations sergeant at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Cherry participated in Operation Iraq Freedom three times. First as an electronic maintenance supervisor while assigned to the 407th Forward Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, then as the company operations NCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colorado. He was a senior maintenance supervisor for Fort Carson's Group Support Battalion during the third deployment. He also served as first sergeant for the 40th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, during Operation New Dawn.

The sergeant major's military education includes the First Sergeant Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Airborne School, Equal Opportunity Course, Air Movement Course, Hazmat Course, Jumpmaster Course, Master Resiliency Trainer Course, SHARP Course, Anti-Terrorism Officer Basic Course, Basic Instructor Course, Training Developer Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I and II, Operational Contract Support Course, Battle Staff Course and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Cherry's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon. His badges include the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Drivers Badge, Mechanics Badge, and German Jump Wings. He is also a recipient of the Ordnance Corps Order of Samuel Sharpe.

