

## **Phillip R. Cantrell**

### **West Virginia**



Phillip R. Cantrell (CSM, Retired) assumed responsibility as the West Virginia National Guard Director of Military Authority on 04 January 2021 and appointed as the Compact Commissioner of the West Virginia Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children on 2 September 2021. His military background includes an assignment as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the West Virginia National Guard from 1 November 2018 to 31 January 2021. Prior to this assignment he was the CSM of the West Virginia Army National Guard from 4 February 2017 to November 1, 2018. Phillip served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1988 to 1996, participating in Operation Just Cause and Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Performed duties as a Drill Sergeant, deployed on a peacekeeping mission to Kosovo, deployed in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, and subsequently deployed two Infantry Companies to Iraq in 2006 and 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Assigned as the 8th Army Operations and Protection Sergeant Major in Yongsan, Korea. Served as the Battalion CSM of 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Brigade CSM of the 3rd Infantry Regiment ("The Old Guard"). He has also served as an Army Congressional Fellow in the office of Senator Joe Manchin and as a Congressional Legislative Liaison in the Army Senate Liaison Division from May 2014 to February 2017.

CSM Cantrell holds a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and a Bachelor's in Human Resource Management from American Military University.