

Command Sergeant Major (R) Jon R. Stanley

Nomination for Induction into the Sapper Association Hall of Fame

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Jon Stanley is nominated for his profound contributions to the Sapper community, characterized by a unique integration of technical engineering excellence and an achievement-oriented leadership philosophy. Over 30 years of service, CSM Stanley has not only mastered the rigorous physical and technical demands of the Engineer Regiment—holding elite Airborne, Sapper, Ranger and Pathfinder credentials—but has also institutionalized these standards. His leadership legacy is physically codified in the Sapper Leader Course, where the Distinguished Honor Graduate Award bears his name, serving as a permanent benchmark for technical and professional merit.

CSM Stanley's operational record reflects a mastery of complex combat engineering. Across six deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, he directed high-stakes counter-mobility and survivability operations. His technical expertise was instrumental in the breaching of numerous minefields and the execution of hundreds of route clearance and counter-improvised explosive device (C-IED) missions. These tasks required a sophisticated application of manual explosive techniques, mechanical clearance systems, and mine-clearing line charges (MICLICs). Furthermore, he provided critical oversight for the systematic destruction of enemy infrastructure, including the neutralization of strategic bridges and vast munitions caches, directly degrading the technical capabilities of the enemy forces in Iraqi and Afghanistan.

CSM Stanley's leadership is defined by a servant-leadership model that prioritizes mission success through the empowerment of subordinates. As a Nominative Command Sergeant Major, he moved beyond tactical execution to influence the Army's technical standards and strategic direction. His post-retirement work with T2S Solutions continues this legacy by spearheading the transformation of communication networks, ensuring that real-time technical data is accessible to the modern warfighter. In his first year serving as Sergeant at Arms for the Sapper Association he has improved the foundational organizational structure, fostering a culture of continuous mentorship. His career embodies the "Three Cs" of competence, commitment, character, making him an exemplary candidate for the Sapper Association Hall of Fame.