

# BIOGRAPHY

## **Command Sergeant Major James J. Carabello**



Command Sergeant Major James J. Carabello is the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization's Senior Enlisted Advisor. As the director's principal assistant on all service members, civilian and family matters, he is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the director and JIEDDO leaders in mission execution for all Department of Defense forces globally.

Command Sergeant Major Carabello is from North Andover, Massachusetts, and enlisted in the Army in November 1985.

Prior to JIEDDO, Command Sergeant Major Carabello served as the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Georgia, Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sergeant Major Carabello has also served in various ranger, airborne and light infantry units around the world to include: Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort McCoy, Wis. Command Sergeant Major Carabello has served during two deployments to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and four deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His most recent deployment was as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major of Task Force Spartan, 3d Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.

Command Sergeant Major Carabello's military education includes: all levels of Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Survival Evasion Resistance Escape Course, Battle Staff, Jungle Operations, Emergency Medical Technician, Special Operations Training, U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course, Command Sergeant Major Force Management, Legal and Keystone Courses. He also completed Ranger, Pathfinder, Jumpmaster Schools and Airborne training. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Command Sergeant Major Carabello's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (silver leaf cluster), Valorous Unit Award (oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Unit Commendation (oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (four stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (three stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral four), Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral three), NATO Medal (numeral three), Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Pathfinder Badge, British, Canadian, El Salvadoran, Peruvian and Jordanian Parachutist Badges, and Master Parachutist Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Carabello is married to his wife Christina and has 4 children.