



U.S. Army Rock Island Arsenal – Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center



SGM Sylvorne W. Walters – SERGEANT MAJOR

Sergeant Major Sylvorne W. Walters serves as the Sergeant Major for the Rock Island Arsenal - Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (RIA-JMTC), a position he has held since October 2019. As the RIA-JMTC SGM, he assists the commander in overseeing operations of the only multi-purpose and vertically integrated metal and advanced manufacturer in the Department of Defense. SGM Walters serves as the primary advisor to the commander on all matters pertaining to enlisted and civilian employees in the organization.

SGM Walters was born in Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Island. He enlisted into the U.S. Army in July 1993 from Houston, Texas completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia as a Unit Supply Specialist.

SGM Walters' previous assignments include the G4 Supply and Services SGM for 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; First Sergeant, 2ID Sustainment Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Carroll, South Korea; Brigade S4 NCOIC, 165th Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Brigade S4 NCOIC, 171st Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Battalion S4 NCOIC and Observer/Controller-Trainer (O/C-T) for Support Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Brigade S4 NCOIC and Platoon Sergeant for 160th Signal Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Property Book Office NCOIC for 64th Corps Support Group, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Fort Hood, Texas; Unit Supply Sergeant and Headquarters Platoon Sergeant for 96th Transportation (HET) Company, Fort Hood, Texas; Battalion S4 Supply Sergeant for 1-22 Infantry Battalion (MECH), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Battalion S4 Supply Sergeant for 227th Maintenance Battalion, Yongsan, South Korea; Unit Armorer, 46th Transportation Company, Camp Humphries, South Korea; and Unit Supply Specialist for Charlie Company, 19th Combat Engineers Battalion, Fort Knox, Kentucky. His combat deployments include one tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, three tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and an operational deployment to Poland, Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Sergeant Major Walters is a graduate of all Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development which include the Basic Leadership Course, Advanced Leadership Course, Senior Leadership Course, First Sergeant Course, and the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He has also completed the Operational Contract Support Course, Contracting Officer Representative Course, Master Resiliency Training Course (MRT), Lean Six Sigma – Green Belt, Equal Opportunity Program Manager Course, Army Basic Instructor Course (ABIC), and received the Demonstrated Senior Logician (DSL) designation. SGM Walters holds a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Liberty University, Virginia.

His awards include seven Meritorious Service Medals (MSM), five Army Commendation Medals (ARCOM), four Army Achievement Medals (AAM), eight Army Good Conduct Medals (AGCM), two National Defense Service Medals (NDSM), Iraqi Campaign Medal (ICM-CS) and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWTEM), Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM), four Overseas Service Ribbons (OSR), and several other decorations.

SGM Walters is married to Laquita and together they have four daughters.

