

# HONORARY SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**SERGEANT MAJOR  
TIMOTHY A. KOHRING**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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Sergeant Major Timothy A. Kohring was born in, Syracuse, New York, and entered the U.S. Army in July 1983. After completing basic and advanced training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was assigned to 10th US Cavalry, 5/33 Armor, 194th Armor Brigade, and served as a Scout Section Sergeant before his Civil Affairs Specialist training in August 1990. Sgt. Maj. Kohring has held every noncommissioned officer position within Civil Affairs formations or staff assignments.

In 2009, he was the Command Sergeant Major of the 414th CA Battalion; the last operational Civil Affairs Battalion in Iraq. In this capacity, turn-over of U.S. and Allied programs to host-nation ministries and Iraq government organizations dominated his unit's activities. His unit managed five CA Companies across Iraq, three of which were converted Chemical Companies. Prior to this, he was a member of four battalions (403rd, 431st, 414th and 96th CA Battalion), two brigades (360th and 1st Training Brigade), and six senior staffs as a CA Senior NCO (U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Special Operations Command-Europe, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (Airborne) and the U.S. European Command.

In 2010, he served as the G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major and Readiness Core Enterprise Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army Reserve Command, making him the Operations Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Reserve, which was his only assignment outside of the Regiment since entering it in 1989, and he was the first Active Guard Reserve Sergeant Major to fill the position. In this capacity, he was responsible as part of the G-3/5/7 leadership team for the operational readiness of the USAR, its 205,000 personnel and its units, which included continuity of support for ongoing contingency operations, managing resourcing, training, education and readiness policy integration with Headquarters, Department of the Army and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, to ensure compliance and progression to achieve stated goals of the Commander USARC/Chief of the Army Reserve. In this capacity, he represented the U.S. Army Reserve at the highest levels of Headquarters, Department of the Army and the Department of Defense as a member of the Command Sergeant Major Army Reserve board of directors and DA G-3/5/7 Operations Team, representing the USAR alongside the Army National Guard and Regular Army G-3/5/7 Sergeants Major.

In 2013, he served as the first Civil Affairs Commandant Sergeant Major and Sergeant Major for the Civil Affairs Proponent. In this capacity, he was integral in the proponent oversight of the CA Regiment across the spectrum of DOTMLPF-P process and oversight.

Sergeant Major Kohring's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak-leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with oak-leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, Combat Action Badge, Parachute Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge and service & campaign awards for numerous deployments/operations. His unit awards include: Joint Meritorious Unit Commendations with fourth oak-leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, and Army Superior Unit award with third oak-leaf cluster.

He has an associate's degree from the State University of New York, Cobleskill, New York, in Environmental Design. He has attended all professional military education required of noncommissioned officers, including the First Sergeant Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Sgt. Maj. Kohring retired in May 2015 after a 32- year career. Since his retirement, he serves as a Supervisory Training Developer at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School in the Civil Affairs Commandant Training Development Directorate in charge of the Collective Training section.