



CSM Robert L. Tompkins enlisted in the United States Army on 2 November 1985 as a 19E Armor Crewman. He attended Advanced Individual Training at the US Armor Center in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

CSM Tompkins' initial assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor in Erlangen, Germany (1st AD). His subsequent assignments include the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Ft. Benning, Georgia, 4th Battalion, 67th Armor Friedberg, Germany, 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor and 2nd Battalion, 46 Infantry Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Camp

Casey, Korea, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor and 2nd Battalion 63rd Armor Vilseck, Germany, Unit Maneuver Battle Lab and 3rd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment, Bidingen, Germany, 3rd IBCT 1ID Ft. Hood Texas and 5th Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment Ft. Riley, Kansas.

His military education includes, the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic NCO Course, Advance NCO Course, Drill Sergeant School, Instructor Training Course. He has held every key leadership position including Tank Gunner, Squad Leader, Tank Commander, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Operation Sergeant Major and Command Sergeant Major. He is a graduate from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) class #55. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Military Operation and Human resource Management.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3rd oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 2 silver and 1 bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with 7th award, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kosovo Campaign Medal 2nd award, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 campaign stars), NATO Medal 2nd award, GWTSM, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commission Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 5, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Drill Sergeant Badge, German Qualification Badge (Silver) and the Order of Saint George (Bronze Medallion) and Cavalry Spurs awarded in 1-1 CAV.