



Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Christopher Truchon was born at Fort Benning, Georgia, and grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. He enlisted in the United States Army in August, 1993, completing Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Individual Training at the U.S. Army Element School of Music in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

His military assignments include the Ninth Infantry Division Band at Fort Lewis, Washington, two tours with the U.S. Army, Europe, Band and Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany, the Infantry Center Band at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Army Ground Forces Band at Fort McPherson, Georgia, The Continental Army Band at Fort Monroe, Virginia, First Sergeant of the Signal Corps Band at Fort Gordon, Georgia, two tours, including one as unit Sergeant Major, with the Eighth Army Band, at Yongsan, Korea, Sergeant Major of the First Armored Division Band at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he served on the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), and as the Sergeant Major of the TRADOC Band.

CSM Truchon's education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System, as well as the Army First Sergeant Course, the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the Army Force Management Course. He is a graduate of Army Sergeants Major Course (Class 63), and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a Bachelor of Science in Music from Excelsior College, and a Master of Science in Management Information Systems from Nova Southeastern University, with additional musical studies at the University of Alabama, and the Florida State University.

As an Army Musician, CSM Truchon has had the opportunity to perform for audiences around the world, including deployed personnel in Bosnia, Hungary, Kuwait, and Jordan. He has performed on trombone with numerous professional musical organizations, including the Virginia Symphony, the Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Symphony, the Columbus (Georgia) Symphony, the Mannheimer-Stammitz Orchestra (Germany), and is currently serving as the bass trombonist for the Virginia Wind Symphony. In addition, he has twice been selected as a semi-finalist in the American Trombone Workshop's National Solo Competition, held annually by The U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) at Fort Myer, Virginia.

CSM Truchon is married to a retired Army Musician, and he and his wife have two children.