

# Mountain Ranger Battalion Army ROTC

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Colorado State University - Pueblo

Colorado College

Colorado Technical University

Pikes Peak State College



*Commissioning  
Ceremony*

*May 18, 2024*

## Mountain Ranger Battalion History

The history of the ROTC program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs began in 1965 along with the founding of the college, although at this time it was not the host school. Colorado College was the host institution until unrest at the college forced the ROTC program to be moved. Soon after the ROTC program left Colorado College it was temporarily located at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, until the University of Southern Colorado, now known as Colorado State University-Pueblo, became the host school.

Due to the increased possibilities for Army officers in the Colorado Springs area, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs applied for, and was granted, Host Institution status in 1981. In August 1983, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs ROTC Company was reorganized as a cadet battalion of two cadet companies and renamed the "Mountain Ranger Battalion." As of April 2024, the Mountain Ranger Battalion is made up of several schools, including the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado State University-Pueblo, The Colorado College, Pikes Peak State College and Colorado Technical University.

The Mountain Rangers have received high praise, being named the best trained ROTC Battalion in the nation in 1987, 1989, and 1999. The program was named the winner of the MacArthur Award in both 1990 and 1991, designating it as the "Best ROTC Battalion, Small College" in the nation. In October 2021, the Ranger Challenge Team brought home the first place trophy from the Regional Task Force Competition – the first time since 2014. Most recently for the 2022-2023 school year, the Mountain Rangers were designated as the "Best Medium Program, Army ROTC program in 5th Brigade, consisting of 36 programs across 8 states.

Whether the Mountain Rangers are climbing Pikes Peak, basking in the sun of White Sands, New Mexico at the Bataan Memorial Death March, playing intramural sports, or excelling at training events such as our FTXs and Advanced Camp, one thing is certain: the Mountain Rangers train in a challenging environment which produces high quality future Army warrior leaders.

## Battalion Cadre and Staff

### Professor of Military Science

Lieutenant Colonel David Campbell - *Armor*

### Senior Instructor

Master Sergeant Ruben Baltierra - *Infantry*

### Military Instructors

Major Derek Rondeau - *Infantry*

Captain Ricky Buchanan - *Finance*

Captain Zachary Barnes - *Infantry*

Master Sergeant Patrick Shay - *Air Defense Artillery*

Sergeant First Class Jeremy Billings - *Infantry*

Sergeant First Class David Arcos—*Infantry*

### Recruiting Operations Officer

Mr. Donald Caughey

### Human Resources Assistants

Ms. Nancy Silva

Ms. Laura Mancini

### Battalion Supply Technician

Mr. Todd Emmert

### University Liaison

Ms. Kim Uhl

## The Leadership Excellence Patch



The patch is in the shape of a shield. It symbolizes the Army mission of national defense and is divided into quarters representing the four traditional Military Science courses comprising the Senior ROTC curriculum. The motto "Leadership Excellence" expresses the ultimate responsibility of Army ROTC in the discharge of its moral responsibility to the Nation.

### THE LAMP

*denotes the pursuit of knowledge, higher learning, and the partnership of Army ROTC with American colleges and universities.*

### THE HELMET

*is symbolic of the ancient civilization concept of the warrior scholar.*

### THE SWORD

*signifies courage, gallantry, and self-sacrifice intrinsic to the profession of arms.*

## Sequence of Events

Introduction	Major Derek Rondeau
National Anthem	
Invocation	Cadet Alejandro Huerta
Remarks	Lieutenant Colonel David Campbell
Remarks	Major General David Doyle
Commissioning Oath / Pinning / First Salutes	
Benediction	Cadet Alejandro Huerta
Army Song	



## Guest Speaker Major General David Doyle



Major General David Doyle received his commission in the Infantry from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Military History. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College in Washington, DC.

MG Doyle took command of 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division on 13 June 2023. His previous assignments include Chief of Staff of United States Central Command, Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Deputy Commanding General for Support of the 82nd Airborne Division; Director of Operations, CJ3, Combined Joint Task Force, Operation Inherent Resolve in Baghdad, Iraq;

Commander of Operations Group at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Chief of Staff of the 7th Infantry Division; Commander of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team "Commandos", 10th Mountain Division deployed in Kandahar, Afghanistan; Director of Operations, CJ3, for the NATO Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan / Special Operations Joint Task Force – Afghanistan; Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division; and company commander of Bravo Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and Bravo Company, 2-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

MG Doyle's awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Army Achievement Medal. He has also earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with arrowhead device, three Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Valorous Unit Award, the Afghan Campaign Ribbon with five service stars, the Iraq Campaign Ribbon with six service stars, the Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, the Humanitarian Assistance Award, the Armed Forces Services Medal, and the NATO Medal with bronze service star. MG Doyle earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge (with Bronze Star), Canadian Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Major General Doyle is married to his wife, Renee.

## Oath of Office

" I, (STATE YOUR FULL NAME), having been appointed  
  
an officer in the Army of the United States, as indicated  
  
above in the grade of (Second Lieutenant) do solemnly  
  
swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the  
  
Constitution of the United States against all enemies,  
  
foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and  
  
allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely,  
  
without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion;  
  
and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of  
  
the office upon which I am about to enter;

So help me God."



# The Soldiers Creed

## The Army Song

### "The Army Goes Rolling Along"

#### Official Song of the U.S. Army

##### Verse

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

##### Chorus

First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.

##### Refrain

Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

## Commissioneers



**Heriberto Angel Reyes** was born in Jalisco, Mexico, and before enlisting in the Army, he completed his Bachelor in Information Systems Engineering. In 2018, CDT Angel joined the Army as a 74D Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Specialist, with his initial duty station with 11th ACR, RSS, RHHT in Fort Irwin, CA. In 2022, he was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. He earned a Master of General Business Administration with a minor in Military Science. 2LT Angel branched Signal Corps, detailed Chemical Corps. He will attend Chemical Corps Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO with a follow-on assignment to Camp Humphreys, Korea..



**Sheannah Angel Beale** was born in Wichita, KS. She graduated from North Pole High School, AK in 2010 and enlisted in the US Army as a Military Police Officer in 2012. She attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Upon graduating, she was assigned to 591<sup>st</sup> MP CO at Fort Bliss, TX and served as a Driver. She deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon return she was assigned to 571<sup>st</sup> MP CO at JBLM, WA where she served as a Team Leader in 2015. In 2018, she was assigned to 116<sup>th</sup> MP CO at Fort Riley, KS where she served as a Squad Leader. In 2019, she was assigned to B CO, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson, SC where she served as a Drill Sergeant. Upon completion of her time as a Drill Sergeant in 2021, she was assigned to Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany where she served as a Desk Sergeant. She was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Beale earned a Master of Criminal Justice. She branched Adjutant General Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. She will be accompanied by her wife, Charlene Beale.



**Miranda Williamson** was born in San Diego, CA. She joined the Army in 2018 as a Motor Transport Operator (88M) and was assigned to Fort Carson, CO after Advanced Individual Training. While assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division she served as an Ammunitions and Transportation Team Leader/NCO. During this assignment, she was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Her military awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (2), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and NCO Professional Development Ribbon. She earned a Master of Criminal Justice. She branched Military Police and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO with a follow-on assignment to JBLM, WA.



**Mason Zurun** was born in Tampa, FL, and moved to Colorado Springs, CO in 2004. He attended Rampart High School. He began the undergraduate program at UCCS in 2020. Upon completion of Army ROTC Basic Camp, Mason contracted and accepted a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. Extracurricular activities include Bataan Memorial Death March - heavy team and intramural flag football. 2LT Zurun earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance with a minor in Military Science. He branched Infantry and will attend Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Moore, GA with a follow-on assignment to Fort Johnson, LA.





**Ethan Tramel** was born in Tampa, FL. He joined the Army in 2012 as an Infantryman and was assigned to Fort Cavazos, TX after basic training. While assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 8<sup>th</sup> CAV, he served as an Automatic Rifleman, Assistant Gunner, M2A3 Driver and Gunner, Company Armorer, and Rifle Team Leader in support of Operation Combined Resolve in 2013, Operation Atlantic Resolve in 2014, and a Korean Rotational Force in 2016. In 2017, he was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup>

Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Schofield Barracks, HI. He served as a Rifle Squad Leader and Equal Opportunity Leader and supported the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Pacific Pathways in 2018. After completing his enlistment, he joined ROTC in 2022. 2LT Tramel earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He branched Military Intelligence, branch detail Infantry and will attend Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Moore, GA with a follow-on assignment to Fort Campbell, KY. He will be accompanied by his wife, Ashley, and two children, Maile and Mick.



**Jonathan Waldon** was born in Indianapolis, IN. He joined the Army in 2017 as an Eye Technician and was assigned to Fort Wainwright, AK after basic training. While assigned to MEDDAC-AK, he served as NCOIC of both Optometry and General Surgery clinics. He also served as the Unit Prevention Leader, Basic Lifesaver Course instructor, and B.O.S.S. representative. He was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Waldon earned a Master of Public

Administration. He branched Medical Service Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Joint Base San Antonio - Sam Houston, TX with a follow-on assignment to Fort Riley, KS.



**Jimmy Wang** was born in Kansas City, MO. In January 2014, he enlisted into the Army Reserve as a Human Resources Specialist. He was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY after transitioning to active duty in 2016 and deployed to the CENTCOM area of responsibility. While assigned to United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), he served as a Senior Human Resources Sergeant. While serving there, he was selected for the

Green to Gold Active ADO program. 2LT Wang earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Leadership Studies. He branched Signal Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Eisenhower, GA with a follow-on assignment to JBLM, WA. He will be accompanied by his wife, Yasmin and two dogs, Xena and Buddy.



**Alberto Beltran** was born in San Diego, CA. He joined the Army in 2017 as a Combat Engineer and was assigned to Fort Carson, CO after OSUT. While assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, he served as a Team Leader and deployed to Germany. He later competed for and was awarded a 4-year Hip Pocket Scholarship and joined the UCCS ROTC program.

Alberto was given the opportunity to complete CTLT at the 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment at JBLM, WA. 2LT Beltran received a Bachelor of Science in Business, with a Management focus and minor in Military Science. He branched Military Intelligence and will attend BOLC at Fort Huachuca, AZ with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by his wife Jessa and their 3 dogs.



**Joshua Aaron Bermudez** was born in Paterson, NJ. He joined the Army in 2009 as a Unit Supply Specialist and was assigned to Smith Barracks, in Baumholder, Germany, upon completion of basic training. While assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon return, he received orders to the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade in Fort Drum, NY, where he served as a Supply Sergeant and Unit

Armorer. He then deployed once again to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon his return, he received orders to the 1-25 Attack Aviation Regiment, at Fort Carson, CO where he served as an NCO in the Battalion S-4. While at Fort Carson, he received an inter-post transfer to the 168th Regional Training Institute, where he was assigned as a Unit Supply Sergeant for the Basic Leader Course. While assigned there, he volunteered to become a US Army Recruiter, and then was assigned to the Fort Collins Army Recruiting Station, of the Denver Recruiting Battalion. While serving there, he was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Bermudez received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a focus in Digital Film Making. He branched Medical Services Corps and will attend BOLC at Fort Sam Houston, TX with a follow-on assignment to Fort Liberty, NC. He will be accompanied by his wife, Haydee, and children, Aaron and Adrian.





**Anthony Bryant** was born in Jesup, GA. He joined the Army in 2013 as a Petroleum Supply Specialist and was assigned to Illesheim, Germany, after basic training. While assigned to the 3-159<sup>th</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, he completed one combat tour to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and another operational tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon return, he received orders to the 4<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Forward Support Company at Fort Carson, CO where he served as a Petroleum Heavy Vehicle Operator. He then received orders to the 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Campbell, KY where he served as a Fuel Section Chief and a Company Master Resilience Trainer. While assigned there, he completed one combat tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and an operational tour to Illesheim, Germany in support of NATO Operations. Upon return, he received orders to 4-6 Air Cavalry Squadron at JBLM, WA, where he served as a Platoon Sergeant, Company Hazmat Certifier, and Company Unit Movement Officer. While assigned there, he completed one operational tour to Korea in support of INDOPACOM. While stationed at JBLM, WA, he was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Bryant earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a focus in Law Enforcement. He branched Military Police Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO with a follow-on assignment to Fort Liberty, NC. He will be accompanied by his wife, America, and son Anthony.



**Hunter Driscoll** was born in Fayetteville, NC. He attended Falcon High School in Falcon, CO. He began the undergraduate program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in 2020 and was awarded a three year Army ROTC scholarship in 2021. When not attending classes, Hunter is volunteering with the Colorado Springs Police Department working with detectives at the Organized Retain Crime Unit. 2LT Driscoll earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a minor in Military Science. He branched Signal Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Eisenhower, GA. He will return to serve in the Colorado Army National Guard and pursue a career as a police officer.



**Cody Michael Standridge** was born in Camden, AR. He enlisted in the Army in 2011 as a Cavalry Scout and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY. Following his initial training, he was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Liberty, NC. While assigned to 1-38 CAV, he deployed in support of Operation Joint Guardian as a Driver, Gunner, and Team Leader. Upon return, he was assigned to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) in Grafenwöhr, Germany where he served as a Section Leader in a Reconnaissance Platoon. Throughout his time in Europe, he served in numerous contingency operations in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. He was then assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Security Force Assistance Brigade at Fort Moore, GA where he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Following this assignment, he was stationed at Fort Carson, CO and served as a Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant assigned to B Troop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment. While assigned to 2-1 CAV he deployed to Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and was later selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Standridge earned a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Professional Communication. He branched Military Intelligence and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by his wife, Kelly and son, Wyatt.



**Caden Stergius** was born in Sindelfingen, Germany. She attended Coronado High School in Colorado Springs, and started her undergraduate degree at UCCS in 2020. Upon completing Army ROTC Basic Camp, she contracted and accepted a 2 year scholarship. Extracurricular activities include intramural outdoor soccer, competing on UCCS's Ranger Challenge team, and completing the Norwegian Foot March. 2LT Stergius received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, and a minor in Military Science. She branched Infantry and will attend BOLC at Fort Moore, GA. Her follow-on assignment is pending.





**Diedra Marie Russell** was born in Sonoma, CA. She joined the Arizona National Guard in 2013 as an Automated Logistical Specialist and was assigned to 3/140<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment in Marana, AZ after basic training. She moved to 258<sup>th</sup> ENG BN in Florence, AZ to be promoted to the rank of SGT. She was transferred to Western Aviation Army Training site (WAATs) where she served as a Hazmat Material Handler and Identifier. She entered Active Duty in October 2017 and attended AIT at Fort Eisenhower, GA to re-class as a 25Q (25H) Network Communication System Specialist. Upon completing AIT, she received orders to 6-37 FAR, Camp Casey Korea where she served at the Battery S6 Automation NCO. She transferred to 51<sup>st</sup> ESB-E at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, where she served as Team Chief for Command Post Node (CPN) in Charlie Company. While serving as the Battalion Land and Ammo NCO, she was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Russell earned a Master of Arts in Sociology. She branched Adjutant General Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Vicenza, Italy.



**Luke Isaiah Smith** was born in Knoxville, TN. He attended Colorado Springs Christian School where he was an active Student Government leader and NHS Vice President. He used his few years before beginning his undergraduate degree in Biology to learn trades and skills working in both maintenance and moving sales. He contracted at the beginning of his MS3 year. His extracurricular activities have included intramural and beer league cornhole, golf, and being active in his church. He has also served as a Company First Sergeant and Commander in the program. 2LT Smith earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He branched Medical Service Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Joint Base San Antonio - Sam Houston, TX. His follow on assignment is pending. He and his wife are expecting a daughter in August.



**James Dunbar** was born in Parker, CO and started his military journey by joining ROTC at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in 2021. With a commitment to self-improvement and serving his country, he secured a three-year campus-based scholarship from Army ROTC. 2LT Dunbar actively engaged in soccer and flag football while also working a full-time job, balancing his rigorous academic workload with his passion for extracurricular activities.

2LT Dunbar earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He branched Military Police Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He will return to serve in the Colorado Army National Guard. 2LT Dunbar eventually wants to join the Secret Service.



**Joseph Fiocchi** was born in Berkeley, CA and attended Lewis-Palmer High School. Upon completion of high school, Joseph accepted a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. He began the undergraduate program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in 2020. Extracurricular activities include intramural soccer and intramural flag football. Joseph was also given the opportunity to complete CTLT at the 307<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced at Ft. Shafter, HI. 2LT Fiocchi earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance with a minor in Military Science. He branched Finance Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Schofield Barracks, HI.



**Brent Matthew Fulmer** was born in Little Falls, NY. He joined the Army in 2012 as an Automated Logistical Specialist and was assigned to Fort Riley, KS after Advanced Individual Training. While assigned to the 101 Brigade Support Battalion, he deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Upon return, he received orders to the 325<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion in Schofield Barracks, HI where he served as a Future Operations NCOIC, and

Platoon Sergeant for the Supply Support Activity. He then received orders to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson, CO. While serving there, he was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Fulmer earned a Master of Business Administration. He branched Adjutant General Corps and will attend BOLC at Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by his wife, Sheena and four children, Matthew, Brayden, Eli, and Chantal.



**Zachery Hershberger** was born in Oregon City, OR. He joined the Army in 2013 as a Healthcare Specialist where he was stationed at Fort Carson, CO after basic training. While assigned to the 2-12 Field Artillery Battalion, he served as the senior medic for Bravo Battery. Following Fort Carson, he was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, KS with the 705<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion where he worked at the medical clinic treating the inmates of the Joint Regional Correctional Facility. He then received orders to return to Fort Carson, CO for the 1-38 Infantry Battalion. While in 1-38, he served in team leader, squad leader, and platoon sergeant roles. While being stationed at Fort Carson, he was selected for the Army's Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Hershberger received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and has branched Finance Corps. He will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Fort Liberty, NC. He will be accompanied by his wife Margaret.



**Zachary Lau** was born in Knoxville, TN. He attended Fountain-Fort Carson High School. Upon completion of high school, Zack accepted a three-year Army ROTC scholarship. He began the undergraduate program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in August of 2020. Extracurricular activities include being an Officer Christian Fellowship Representative and the UCCS-OCF Liaison. Zack was also given the opportunity to complete CTLT at the 531<sup>st</sup> Field Hospital at Fort Campbell, KY. 2LT Lau earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with a minor in Military Science. He branched Armor and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Moore, GA. His follow-on assignment is pending.



**Ian Li** was born in Colorado Springs, CO. He attended Cheyenne Mountain High School. He began his undergraduate degree program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in 2020. At the end of his freshman year, Ian contracted and accepted a three-year Army ROTC scholarship. In his free time, Ian likes to hike in the mountains and go to the range. 2LT Li earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He branched Finance Corps detailed Field Artillery and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Sill, OK with a follow-on assignment to JBLM, WA.



**Allan Remedor** was born in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. He joined the Army in 2015 as a Human Resource Specialist. After basic training, Allan was assigned to Fort Carson, CO. During his tenure at Fort Carson, he served in the 759<sup>th</sup> MP BN (Human Resource Specialist), World Class Athlete Program (Human Resource NCOIC), and 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (BDE S1 NCO). In 2021, he received orders to serve in a nominative position at the White House Communication Agency, serving as the Special Missions Command Human Resources NCOIC. While serving there, he was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Remedor earned a Bachelor of Science in Business with an emphasis in Information Systems Management. He branched Signal Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Gordon, GA with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO.



**David Allen Roberts** was born in Fort Hood, TX. He joined the Army in 2014 as a Cannon Crew Member and was assigned to Fort Stewart, GA after basic training. While assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, he achieved the rank of Sergeant and graduated as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Basic Leaders Course. His second duty station was Fort Carson, CO where he served as a Section Chief in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Division Command Sergeant Major. While serving there, he was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Roberts earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. He branched Military Intelligence and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by his wife, Katey and two children.



**Joesph Steven Perez** was born in San Diego, CA. He attended Canon City High School and enlisted into the Colorado Army National Guard as an Infantryman in 2018 and was assigned to Alpha Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 157<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Mountain). He deployed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield in 2021 and upon returning joined the UCCS Mountain Ranger Battalion and joined the Simultaneous Membership Program. He served as a Rifleman, Ammo Bearer, M240 Gunner, and Team Leader. He also joined the Military Funeral Honors Team in 2019 and has conducted over 250 military funeral ceremonies. 2LT Perez received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. 2LT Perez was selected for Active Duty and branched Infantry and will attend BOLC at Fort Moore, GA. His follow-on assignment is pending. He will be accompanied by his wife, Jamie and two children, Lukekini and Joseph.



**Shehzad Kodi Rahman** was born in Brooklyn, NY. He attended University at Buffalo College in 2018 prior to enlisting in the Army in 2019. He was assigned to 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team; 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Wainwright, AK, as a 13J Fire Control Specialist. While serving there, he was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Rahman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He branched Quartermaster Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Lee, VA with a follow-on assignment to Schofield Barracks, HI. He will be accompanied by his wife, Tiffany and son, Jaceir.



**Deonson Tuanu'utele Leatimua** was born in Honolulu, HI. He attended Admiral Arthur W. Radford High School. He completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science and International Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was a navy defense contractor for Lockheed Martin from 2014 until joining the Army in 2018 as an Unmanned Aircraft System Repairer and attended AIT at Fort Huachuca, AZ where he completed his AAS in UAS from Cochise College. Following AIT in 2019, Deonson was assigned to Fort Carson, CO to the 6th Squadron, 17th Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade. Deonson served as a Crew Chief on the RQ-7B. While serving there, he was selected into the Army's Green to Gold ADO program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. 2LT Leatimua earned a Master of Public Administration with a focus in Public Management. He branched Medical Service Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by this wife Dasia, and their three children, Addy, DJ, and Nehemiah



**Juan Mejia** was born in Flushing, Queens, NY. He enlisted in the Army in 2014 and served in 277<sup>th</sup> ASB as a Supply Clerk. He served as a Supply Sergeant in Operation Atlantic Resolve in 2017, and Operation Spartan Shield in 2019. He served at Fort Carson in 588<sup>th</sup> BEB, as S4 NCO and HHC Supply Sergeant from 2018-2022. He was accepted into the Green to Gold program in 2022. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. He branched Military Intelligence and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO.





**Wendy Moreno** was born in El Paso, TX. She joined the Army in 2017 as a Radio Equipment Repairer and was assigned to Fort Carson, CO upon completion of Advanced Individual Training. While assigned to the 4ID, Moreno served as the lead radio, NVG, and JCR repairer supporting 2SBCT. During this assignment, she was selected for a Green to Gold 4 year Hip Pocket Scholarship to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. 2LT Moreno earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a minor in Military Science. Upon successful completion of the NCLEX, she will branch Army Nurse Corps and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Her follow-on assignment is pending.



**Miguel Ortega** was born in Denver, CO. He joined the Army in 2017 as an All-Source Intelligence Analyst and was assigned to Fort Liberty, NC after IET. While assigned to the 389<sup>th</sup> MI BN, he supported various special operations missions. In 2020 he was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Command as a Global Awareness Analyst. In late 2020 he deployed with a JSOC Task Force as Senior Enlisted Advisor for J3IO. Upon returning he was assigned to the Information Warfare Center leading a Multi-Domain Team during the Ukraine Crisis. While serving at the Information Warfare Center, he was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Ortega earned a Master of Arts in History with a focus on Modern Chinese and Russian History. He branched Military Intelligence and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He has three children, Emilia, Matthew, and Elizabeth.



**Juno Ortiz** was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico. He joined the Army in 2012 as an Infantryman. He has served as a Rifle Squad Leader, Weapons Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and U.S. Weapons Instructor while assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division and 2d Cavalry Regiment. He has also deployed to Afghanistan and completed multiple overseas rotations. He was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program while assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment as a Senior Drill Sergeant. 2LT Ortiz earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Colorado Technical University. He branched Adjutant General Corps, and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Jackson, SC with a follow-on assignment to Fort Carson, CO. He will be accompanied by his wife, Nydianis and their dog Charlie.



**Steven Joseph Pauka** is a Colorado Springs native. Born into a military family and then moved to Stuttgart, Germany until 2004. Following their time in Europe, they returned to Colorado Springs. Steven attended Liberty High School where he ran track and served as the student body president his senior year. After graduation, Steven spent two years at Colorado State University. Upon completion of his sophomore year, he decided to move home and enroll at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He joined the Mountain Ranger Battalion at UCCS, where he served as Ranger Challenge Captain and Cadet Battalion Commander. Steven has completed events such as the Norwegian Foot March and the Brigade level Ranger Challenge competition and successfully completed Army Air Assault School. 2LT Pauka earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a minor in Military Science. He branched Infantry and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Moore, GA with a follow-on assignment to Hawaii.



**Edward Alec Pedraza** was born in San Antonio, TX,. He joined the Army in 2013 as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician and after basic training and completion of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD) was assigned to the 749<sup>th</sup> OD CO at Fort Carson, CO in 2014. While assigned to the 749th OD CO, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2017 in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. Upon return, he received orders to the 663<sup>rd</sup> OD CO at Fort Carson, CO where he served as an EOD Team Leader and deployed to Iraq in 2019 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He then received orders to 62<sup>nd</sup> OD CO at Fort Carson, CO, where he served as an EOD Team Leader and deployed to Afghanistan in 2021 in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel and assisted in the retrograde from country. While serving there, he was selected for the Green to Gold ADO program. 2LT Pedraza earned a Master of Criminal Justice. He branched Ordnance Corps - EOD and will attend Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Gregg-Adams, VA with a follow-on assignment to Fort Cavazos, TX. He will be accompanied by his wife, Heather, and two children, Logan and Owen.