

Mountain Ranger Battalion Army ROTC

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Colorado State University - Pueblo

Colorado College

Colorado Christian University

Colorado Technical University

Pikes Peak Community College



***Commissioning
Ceremony***

May 15, 2021

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 September 2007, the Mountain Ranger Battalion is made up of many schools, including the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado State University-Pueblo, Colorado College, Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Technical University, and Colorado Christian 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 1990 and 1991, designating it as the "Best ROTC Battalion, Small College" in the nation, and most recently for the 2013-2014 school year as the best Army ROTC program in 5th Brigade, consisting of 36 programs across 8 states. In October 2014, the Ranger Challenge Team brought home the first place trophy from the Regional Competition – the first time since 2007.

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 Chad Henderson - AG Corps

Senior Instructor

Master Sergeant Ruben Baltierra - Infantry

Military Instructors

Captain Aletta Raposa - Military Intelligence

Captain Ethan Heckmann - Infantry

Sergeant First Class Caleb Crosby - Infantry

Sergeant First Class Joaquin Torres - Infantry

Sergeant First Class Paul Gallo - Air Defense Artillery

Recruiting Operations Officer

Mr. Donald Caughey

Human Resources Assistant

Ms. Nancy Silva

Battalion Supply Technician

Mr. Todd Emmert

University Liaison

Ms. Laura Mancini

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	Captain Ethan Heckmann
National Anthem	
Invocation	Mr. Todd Emmert
Welcoming Remarks	Lieutenant Colonel Chad Henderson
Guest Speaker	General Glen D. VanHerck
Commissioning Oath / Pinning / First Salutes	
Benediction	Mr. Todd Emmert



Guest Speaker

General Glen D. VanHerck (USAF)

General Glen VanHerck is Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). NORAD conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning in the defense of North America. USNORTHCOM conducts homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation to defend and secure the United States and its interests.



General VanHerck is a graduate of the University of Missouri and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He has a diverse operational and training background that includes assignments in the F-15C, F-35A, B-2A, and B-1B with over 3,200 flight hours. He has served as an instructor pilot and flight examiner in the F-15C, B-2A, and T-6A. Additionally, he served as a U.S. Air Force Weapons School instructor in the F-15C and the B-2A.

He has commanded at the squadron, group and twice at the wing level, including the 325th Weapons Squadron, the 71st Operations Group, the 7th Bomb Wing, the 509th Bomb Wing. As a Major General, he commanded the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center. His staff assignments include tours as the Chief of the B-2 Program Element Monitor at Headquarters Air Combat Command, the Director of Operations at Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, the Director of Plans and Integration at U.S. Strategic Command, the Vice Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5) at the Joint Staff, and the Vice Director of the Joint Staff.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. In this capacity, he assisted the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in his role as advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense, coordinated and directed activities of the Joint Staff in support of the Chairman, and served as the Staff Inspector General.

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

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."

Amanda Trenkel



Amanda Trenkel was born March 10, 1999 in Ontario, OR. She earned her diploma from Vale High School in 2017. Upon arrival to UCCS she was awarded a 3 ½ year ROTC scholarship. She quickly became an active member of the ROTC Ranger Challenge team and has been competing for the entirety of her ROTC career. Amanda has successfully attended and completed Basic Airborne and Master Fitness Trainer courses. In 2019,

Amanda traveled to the Philippines on behalf of UCCS Culp (Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program). Amanda is a Distinguished Military Graduate and earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Magna Cum Laude. She is also graduating with a minor in Military Science. Amanda is commissioning into the Medical Service branch, with her first duty assignment at Schofield Barracks, HI.

Whitney Wymer



Whitney Irene Wymer was born in Bellingham, WA on July 30, 1993 and raised in Tumwater, WA. Prior to joining the military, she obtained a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and worked as a behavioral technician for children with autism spectrum disorder. She enlisted in the Army in 2017 as a Combat Medic Specialist. She was assigned to Fort Carson, CO where she worked as a medic in the Emergency Room of Evans Army Community

Hospital. Whitney was accepted into the Green to Gold Active Duty Option Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where she received a Master of Sciences in Health Promotion. She branched Medical Services and will attend Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. Her follow-on assignment is with 627th Hospital Center at Fort Carson, CO.

The Soldiers Creed

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.

Commissionees

Julius Asong



Julius Asong was born in Southern Cameroons on July 27, 1989. In 2012 he moved to the United States. He enlisted in the United States Army in March 2016, as a 15R AH/64D/E Apache Helicopter mechanic. He was assigned to Fort Carson, CO, after his Initial Entry Training. While Assigned to Bravo Troop, 6th Squadron 17th Cavalry, 4th Combat Aviation, he served during a nine-month rotation, Operation Atlantic Resolve across three eastern European nations. In 2018, he was accepted into the Green to Gold Active-Duty Option Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He earned a Master of Science in Information Systems Security Management, Summa Cum Laude from Colorado Technical University. He branched Signal Corps. Cadet Asong is among the 15 nationwide selectees for the FY21 Assured Functional Area Transfer cohort for FA40, Army Space Operation Officer. He will attend Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Gordon, GA and his follow-on assignment is Fort Sill, OK.

Ronald Averion



Ronald Averion was born in Saipan on January 28, 1986. He joined the Army in 2010 as a Combat Engineer (12B) and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC after One Stop Unit Training and Airborne school. His duty assignments include 2nd Battalion Special Troops Brigade - 82nd ABN DIV Fort Bragg, NC, 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment - 82nd ABN DIV Fort Bragg, NC, and Group Support Battalion - 7th Special Force Group (Airborne) Eglin AFB, FL. He has deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation New Dawn in 2011, Colombia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Honduras, El Salvador in Support of Operations in Special Operations Command South Area of Responsibility. He has held various positions to include Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Reconnaissance Sergeant, Primary Jump Master, Construction Operations Sergeant, Project Manager, Construction Officer. His awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Army Accommodation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and Senior Rated Parachutist Badge. He received a Master of Science in Information Technology Management / Security System from Colorado Technical University. He branched Adjutant General and will attend Basic Officer Leader Course at Ft. Jackson, SC. His follow-on assignment is 4th Psychological Operation Group (Airborne) Fort Bragg, NC.

Sahouda Smith



Sahouda Nicole Smith was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 8, 1994 and raised in Stamford, CT. She joined the Army in 2013 as an Unmanned Aerial Operator and was assigned to Fort Carson, CO after Initial Entry Training. She was initially assigned to 6-17 ARS and transferred to 4th Combat Aviation Brigade as an executive assistant to the BDE Commander. She was accepted into the Green to Gold Hip-Pocket Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Cum Laude. She branched Nursing Corps. She will attend the Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Her follow-on assignment is pending.

Sylvia Steinkamp



Sylvia Steinkamp was born in Germany and grew up in Illinois. In January 2006 she enlisted into the Army Reserves as a Chemical Operations Specialist and completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. In January 2007 she transitioned to active duty and reclassified to a Finance and Comptroller Specialist, leading her to her first assignment with the 18th Financial Management Center (FMC) at Fort Bragg, NC. Other assignments include C/125th Finance Management Support Unit (FMSU), Fort Wainwright, AK; Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, NC; and 230th FMSU in Fort Carson, CO. She has deployed twice to Iraq and once to Qatar. She has held a myriad of positions including Military Pay Specialist, Travel NCOIC, Disbursing Cashier, Disbursing Agent, Chief of Military Pay, and Detachment Sergeant. Her awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Accommodation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with one campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with one campaign star, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. She has also earned the Army Pathfinder Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). Sylvia graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Cum Laude in December 2015 from Campbell University in Buise Creek, NC. She is a Distinguished Military Graduate and graduated with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She branched Finance and Comptroller and her follow-on assignment is Fort Bragg, NC.

Blake Rolley



Blake Simon Rolley was born in Colorado Springs, CO on May 14, 1999 and has lived here since. He attended Cheyenne Mountain High School, came to UCCS in 2017 and joined the ROTC program shortly after. He earned a Bachelor in Business Communication, Magna Cum Laude from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He branched Military Police and will attend Basic Leader Officer Course in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. His follow-on assignment is Schofield Barracks, HI.

Matthew Stark



Matthew Vincent Stark was born in Denver, CO on August 16, 1991. He graduated from Castle View High School in 2009. In 2010 he enlisted in the Army as an Air Defense Systems Operator. After completing Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training in 2011, he was stationed with the 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment at Fort Hood, TX. In 2013 he deployed with 1-62 Air Defense Artillery Battalion to Jordan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

After returning from deployment in 2014, he was selected to serve as an Army Recruiter. He served as a recruiter for 4 years in San Jose, CA in the Fresno Recruiting Battalion. He received his acceptance to the Army Green to Gold Program upon completion of his recruiting assignment. In 2019 he joined the University of Colorado Colorado Springs ROTC program. Matthew is a Distinguished Military Graduate and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Management, Summa Cum Laude. Matthew branched Finance Corps and his first duty station will be Fort Carson, CO.

Kimberly Blair



Kimberly Dawn Blair was born in Milford, DE on April 18, 1996. Kimberly graduated from Cabarrus Kannapolis Early College High School in 2014. Kimberly graduated from Appalachian State University in 2016 with her BA in Eastern European Studies and a double minor in Russian and History. After graduating, Kimberly enlisted into the Army in 2017 where she attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, OK followed by Advanced Individual Training at Fort Huachuca, AZ attaining the MOS of 35M; Human Intelligence Collector. Kimberly was selected for the Quick Start program while in AIT and was deployed to Iraq with JSOC, where she served as the lead Interrogator in Mosul, Iraq. Following Kimberly's deployment, she served as the 111th MI BDE Executive Assistant until selected to attend the University of Colorado Colorado Springs with a 2- Year Hip Pocket Scholarship to receive a Master in Criminal Justice with a Graduate Certificate in National Security Intelligence. Kimberly branched Ordnance and will serve on active duty with the support of her wife Eleanore Collins and her son Dalton Blake. Kimberly will be stationed at Fort Carson, CO following BOLC.

Jake Bullock



Jake Stephen Bullock was born on January 26, 1993 in Athens, TN. He was raised in Granbury, TX, where he graduated from Granbury High School in 2011. In 2018, he moved to Colorado Springs to attend the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He joined the Army ROTC program, where he was awarded a three and a half year scholarship. During his second year in the program, he was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Leadership Award. Jake graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a Law Enforcement focus, a Minor in Military Science, and a Certificate in Homeland Security Studies. He branched Military Police and will be attending Military Police Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, followed by his first duty station at Fort Campbell, KY. He is accompanied by his girlfriend Cassandre, their daughter Adelynn, and his family.

Shannel Cox



Shannel Charlis Cox was born in Carriacou, Grenada, West Indies on September 24, 1979. She graduated from Hillsborough Secondary School in 1995. She arrived in the United States in January 2000 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Brooklyn College, NY in 2005. After working in the non-profit sector including the Brooklyn Public Library, the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra, and the UrbanGlass glassblowing school, she enlisted in the Army as a Combat Medic in 2010. Shannel attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC. From there, she attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX where she obtained her US citizenship. She was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY and was assigned to 101ST Airborne Division, 3BCT, 626 BSB. She was selected and trained as a Female Engagement Team (FET) member and deployed to Afghanistan in 2012-2013 as an attachment to 3rd Battalion 187th Infantry Regiment (Iron Rakkasans). After serving with the Rakkasans during Operation Enduring Freedom, she re-enlisted and received Orders to Vilseck, Germany. She served as an evacuation squad leader with the Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Charlie Troop. While still stationed in Vilseck, Germany, she transitioned to work with the Warrior Transition Battalion, helping wounded service members returning to civilian life or to service. After completing her tour in Germany, she was selected to serve as a Drill Sergeant in Fort Jackson, SC, she was assigned to 193rd Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 13 Infantry Regiment, Bravo Company. After her tour as a Drill Sergeant, she was accepted into the Green to Gold Active-Duty Option Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs where she earned a Master of Public Administration. Shannel branched Adjutant General and will be returning to Fort Jackson, SC. Her military schools include Unit Prevention Leader Training, Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Warrior Transition Unit Cadre Resilience Training, SHARP Foundation Training, Master Resilience Training, Drill Sergeant School, and Combatives Level 1. Her awards include the Combat Medic Badge, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 5 Army Achievement Medals, 3 Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 2, the NATO Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, and a Valorous Unit Award. Shannel is accompanied by her husband Anthony Johnson and four-year-old son Jordan Isaiah Johnson.

Spencer Morton



Spencer Thomas Morton was born in Albuquerque, NM on February 17, 1999. He was raised in Littleton, CO and graduated from Arapahoe High School in May of 2017. He received a 4-year national Army ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. He will attend medical school at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, CO. Upon graduation, he will serve as a physician in the Medical Corps.

Robert Richardson



Robert Edward Richardson was born at the Bethesda National Naval Hospital, MD on November 7, 1997. He graduated from Rampart High School in 2016 and competed on the Men's Cross-Country and Track Teams at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. In 2017 Robert was awarded a 3-and-a-half-year scholarship from Army ROTC. Robert completed Basic and Advanced Camp at Ft. Knox, KY. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Robert branched Quartermaster and will attend Basic Officers Leadership Course at Ft. Lee, VA with his follow-on assignment pending.

Sydney Richter



Sydney Jane Richter was born in Evanston, IL on March 16, 1999. She was raised in Niles, IL, just outside of Chicago. In high school, she was involved in cross country and track, and began to mentor her peers when she became a track captain. After taking multiple leadership courses at her high school and continuing to mentor as a captain, her interest in the ROTC program at UCCS began. After four years as a Cadet, she is ready to start her career in the Army as a Second Lieutenant. She has earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and after graduation she will take (and pass) her licensure exam. Her follow-on Basic Officer Leadership Course dates and duty assignment are pending.

Robert Moen



Robert J. Moen was born in Chula Vista, CA on December 22, 1985. He joined the Army in 2004 as a Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic (63B) and was assigned to Fort Riley, KS after Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training. While assigned to the 1st Engineer BN, 1st Infantry Division he deployed to Iraq for the first time. While on a 15-month tour he was injured by a roadside bomb and received the

Purple Heart. Upon return he reenlisted and

volunteered for Airborne School and the Ranger Indoctrination Program, where he was selected and assigned to the 2nd Ranger BN, 75th Ranger Regiment- Joint Base Lewis McChord where he went on 6 more deployments overseas to both Iraq and Afghanistan over the next 7 years. His next assignment was the 115th BSB, 1 ABCT, 1 Cav- Fort Hood TX, where he deployed to Korea during heightened tensions with N. Korea in 2016. Upon his Return from S. Korea, he was assigned to the GSB, 10th Special Forces Group- Fort Carson, CO where he volunteered and was selected for the Green to Gold Program, Active-Duty Option. Cadet Moen was the HHC commander and completed the program at the top of his class University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Magna Cum Laude from Colorado Technical University. He Branched Medical Services and will attend Basic Officer Leader Course Phase 1 and Phase 2 at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. His follow-on assignment will take him back to JBLM, WA with his wife Lauren and newborn son James. Cadet Moen has 17 years in service and was a Sergeant First Class upon commission to 2nd Lieutenant.

Aydan Mortenson



Aydan Lukas Mortensen was born on Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH on April 16, 1997, the oldest of five. He grew up moving four different times due to his father being an Air Force Officer. Aydan graduated Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA in 2015. In 2017 he moved to Colorado Springs, CO to attend UCCS, majoring in Finance with a minor in Economics. He graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Finance with an Economics minor. Aydan volunteered as a cadre

LT for CST at Fort Knox, KY this summer and will PCS to Fort Benning, GA for Infantry BOLC. He is still waiting a follow-on assignment.

Chaz Eckenrod



Chaz Eckenrod, born April of 1990, was raised in Tyler, TX. In 2013, Chaz enlisted in the United States Army as an active-duty Infantryman. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, CO, where he served on two combat tours to Afghanistan; Kandahar Province in 2014 and Parwan Province in 2016. In 2019, while serving as a Staff Sergeant and Rear-Detachment Commander for Comanche Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Chaz was accepted into the Army

Green to Gold Scholarship program. Since being in ROTC, Chaz has been a member of the UCCS Bataan team, Captain of the ROTC Color Guard team, "Cadet of the Cycle" during Operation Agile Leader (OAL), ROTC Battalion Operations Officer, and Mountain Ranger Battalion's "Cadet of the Year". He is graduating from Colorado Christian University with Graduate Honors with a Master of Business Administration. Additionally, Chaz is leaving the Mountain Ranger Battalion as a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) and will commission as a Medical Service Officer, follow-on assignment at Fort Campbell, KY, 101st Airborne Division; Rakkasans.

Craig Guichet II



Craig Michael Guichet II was born in Metairie, LA on December 1, 1993 and raised in Biloxi, MS. He joined the Army in 2012 as an Allied Trades Specialist and was assigned to 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC after attending Initial Entry Training and Airborne school. In 2014 he was reassigned the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade. In 2018 he reenlisted to go to 10th Special Forces Group at Fort Carson, CO. While assigned to 10th Special Forces Group he was accepted into the Green to Gold Active

Duty Option Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He graduated UCCS with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. He branched Transportation and will attend the Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Lee, VA. His follow-on assignment is Fort Wainwright, AK.

Briana Hidalgo



Briana Renee Hidalgo was born in El Paso, TX on October 30, 1995, the youngest child with 3 older brothers and grew up in Las Vegas, NM. She graduated from James B. Castle High School in 2014. Briana is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology and Nutrition. Briana branched Transportation Corps and her first duty station following BOLC will be at Schofield Barracks, HI.

Matthew Lemon



Matthew Terry Lemon was born in Los Angeles, CA, on September 19, 1990. He was raised in Colorado Springs, CO. He enlisted in the Army Reserves in 2008 as a Unit Supply Specialist with his first assignment at Fort Carson, CO. He was part of the Spilt-Op program and completed basic training at Fort Knox, KY his Junior year of high school, then completed AIT training the following summer at Fort Lee, VA. He was assigned to the 282nd Engineer Reserve Unit

(Horizontal). Cadet Lemon earned his Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in photography in 2015 from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He re-enlisted with the Reserves to C-Co 157-8 Aviation Medevac at Fort Carson, CO. In 2019, he opted to return to school to pursue a graduate degree. He earned a Master of Criminal Justice with a Minor in Military Science, Magna Cum Laude. Cadet Lemon branched Military Police with the Army Reserves. He will attend Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. His follow-on assignment is in Lakewood, CO, with the 396th Law and Order MP detachment. Cadet Lemon is married to Jessica Lemon and has a daughter, MacKenzie Lemon.

Jackson Lycars



Jackson Joseph Lycars was born in Manchester, NH on June 30, 1999 and raised in Hooksett, NH. He graduated Londonderry High School in 2017. He was accepted into UCCS and contracted with a 3-year ROTC scholarship as a freshman. He attended the Basic Airborne Course in 2019. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. He will attend Basic Officer Leader Course at Ft. Lee, VA. His follow-on assignment will be Fort Bragg, NC,

82nd Airborne Division.

Teodora Luna



Teodora Luna was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, on October 29, 1991. She immigrated to the US at the age of 15 and considers herself from Arizona, where she graduated from Tempe High School in 2009. Teodora enlisted in the Army in December 2014 as a 15T UH-60 Helicopter Repairer. Followed Advanced Individual Training, she graduated from Airborne school in 2016. She was stationed at Ft. Carson, CO, and was assigned to the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 3-4th Assault

Helicopter Battalion, where she served as a maintainer and a crew chief. In 2018 she was awarded the ROTC Green to Gold 3-year Scholarship and joined the UCCS Mountain Rangers. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Sustainability. Teodora branched Medical Services and will attend Basic Officers Leadership Course at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. She will continue her education towards earning a Master's in Sustainability and Global Studies.

Gilberto Sanchez



Gilberto Giovany Sanchez was born October 1, 1989 in Houston, TX. He graduated from Seaborn Challenge Corps Military School in 2008. Giovany enlisted in the Army in March 2009 as a Field Artillery Automated Tactical Data System Specialist. From there, he was stationed at Fort Riley, KS, assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division. After serving with the storied "Hamilton's Own" Battery during

Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011, he received orders to become a detailed recruiter as part of the San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, 5th Recruiting Brigade.

Giovany was stationed at Fort Carson, CO, where he served with 2-77 and 2-12 Field Artillery regiments before being selected to the Green to Gold Active-Duty Option Program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. Giovany earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude from Colorado Technical University. He will finish a Master of Business Administration from Colorado State University next month. Giovany branched Finance, and his follow-on assignment is Vicenza, Italy.