

BIOGRAPHY

First Sergeant Miguel A. Martinez Jr.

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1SG Martinez was born in Houston, Texas and enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program in November of 1997. He attended Infantry OSUT training at Fort Benning, GA in November 1997.

His duty assignments include tours with 1st battalion 75th Infantry Rangers, United States Army Office of Military Support (USAOMS), and the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, Natick, MA.

1SG Martinez has served in numerous leadership positions to include Team Leader, Mortar Gunner, Squad Leader, Fire Direction Center (FDC) Section Sergeant, Mortar Section Sergeant, Tactical Surveillance Element (TSE) Team Leader,

and BN S3 Operations NCO.

1SG Martinez's military education includes the Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, and the Senior Leader Course. He is also a graduate of the Basic Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder Course, Mountain Warfare Course, and Jumpmaster Course. He is currently enrolled in Columbia Southern University's Bachelor's of Science in Fire Administration.

His awards and decorations include the, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Valorous Unit Award, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Columbian Lancero Badge and Columbian Jump Wings.

1SG Martinez and his wife Leticia are the proud parents of four children: Amaya, Olivia, Isabella, and Michael.