

LTC Benjamin Morales is a native of Harriman, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in May of 2000. Following the Officer Basic Course and the follow-on courses at Fort Benning, LTC Morales was assigned to 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas where he served as a Platoon Leader. He was chosen to be a Reconnaissance Platoon Leader in 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Reconnaissance Troop (2BRT). After his Platoon Leader time, he assumed duties as the Troop Executive Officer.

In 2005, LTC Morales attended the Infantry Captain's Career Course (ICCC). Upon completion of ICCC, LTC Morales was assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as the Brigade Planner. In 2006, LTC Morales took command of B Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. After command, LTC Morales was selected by the Systems Engineering Department to be an Instructor at the United States Military Academy where he taught until 2012.

After completing Intermediate Level Education in 2013, LTC Morales returned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer. In 2014, LTC Morales transitioned to become the Battalion Executive Officer for the same battalion.

In 2015, LTC Morales was selected to represent the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as an exchange officer within the British Army. He was assigned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Regiment in Colchester, England and served as the D Company Commander. Following his assignment in England, LTC Morales served as the Deputy Brigade Commander for the 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry "Leader Brigade" in Fort Benning, Georgia.

LTC Morales has three deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. He served as a Scout Platoon Leader & Troop Executive Officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I & II and a Company Commander in support of the Operation Iraqi Freedom IV & V. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Systems Engineering from the United States Military Academy and a Master's of Science from the University of Texas in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Meritorious Service Medals (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal with V device, Army Commendation Medal with (2OLC) Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with 4 Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 4), the Master Parachutist Badge, the Combat Infantry Badges, Canadian Jump Wings, British Jump Wings, Ecuadorian Jump Wings, German Jump Wings and the coveted Ranger Tab.