



Sergeant Major Ernesto S. Lopez was born in Rochester, New York and he joined the United States Army in May 2001 from San Juan, Puerto Rico. SGM Lopez completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated as an Infantryman (11B).

SGM Lopez's duty positions include Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Scouts Platoon Sergeant, Pre-Ranger Course Instructor, Combat Arms Adviser, Rifle Company First Sergeant, HHC First Sergeant, Human Rights and Democracy Instructor, Student, and J3 Senior Enlisted Advisor. His assignments include Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Panama City, Panama, Fort Benning Georgia, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. He has numerous combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, and a Humanitarian Assistance Relief to Haiti.

SGM Lopez is a graduate of all Army NCOES schools including the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course (Class 69), Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II (SEJPME II) Course, First Sergeant's Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, Faculty Development Program (FDP) Facilitator Course, Asymmetrical Warfare Group (AWG) ASLTE Training Course, Basic Open Source Intelligence Course (BOSIC), United Nations Security and Peacekeeping Operations (UNSPKO) Course, Human Rights and Democracy Instructor Course, Security Assistance Orientation Course, Master Resiliency Trainer (MRT) Course (8R), Ranger School, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Master Jumpmaster Course and Combatives Level 1 Course. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administrations degree from Excelsior College.

SGM Lopez' awards include the Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Presidential Unit Citation Award, Army Valorous Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, Army Superior Unit Award (3OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Silver Knot), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (w/ 2 combat stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/ 3 combat stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (w/ numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/ numeral 2), and NATO Medal. He is also a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Maurice, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Parachutist Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold), Polish Jump Wings, German Jump Wings, Chilean Jump Wings, Honduran Jump Wings, Egyptian Jump Wings, Canadian Jump Wings and he is a member of the Order of Saint Maurice.