

MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

HENRY CARO

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

Infantry Advanced Leader Course



GRADUATION CEREMONY

CLASS 002-25 (11B), 002-25 (11C)

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SENIOR INSTRUCTOR
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SSG STEPHEN M. HANEY
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ALC FIRST SERGEANT

1SG KENNETH M. CATO

1SG Kenneth M. Cato was born in Shreveport Louisiana, and hails from Gibsland, Louisiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 19, 2004. He attended One station Unit Training at Fort Benning GA as a 11B Infantryman. His first duty assignment was C-CO 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Hood TX. After the Triangular redesign he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion 66th Armored Regiment whom he deployed with in Dec 2005. After redeploying from Iraq, 1SG Cato was assigned to 2nd Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment, where he deployed again to Iraq in 2008. He has since served with 3rd Chemical Brigade, F-Co, A-Co, and B-Co of the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment,

2nd Battalion 34th Armored Regiment, DHHB 1st Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 18th Infantry Regiment, Operations Group NTC, and MCOE NCOA Fort Moore GA.

He has 3 Combat tours to Iraq, and 1 Operational tour to Europe.

His duty positions include Rifleman, Grenadier, Bradley Diver, Bradley Gunner, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Section Sergeant, Brigade operations S3, Senior Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Infantry Company 1SG, Operations NCOIC, Senior NCO trainer at NTC, Instructor and currently the 1SG at IN -ALC.

1SG Cato's Military and Civilian education includes NCOES; BLC, ALC, and SLC. He has completed Combat Life Savers Course, Combatives Level 1 and 2, Unit Armorer Course, Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention course, Battle Staff course, Command Post Of the Future Course, Master Resilient Trainer Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, Drill Sergeant School, Common Faculty development-Instructor Course, Evaluating instructors Course, Knowledge Management Course. He has 111 College credits towards his bachelor's degree of Arts in Digital Design with an Emphasis in Animation.



3-11 IN BATTALION COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

GUEST SPEAKER CSM Axel R. Nieves

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Axel R. Nieves-Lopez's military career spans over 23 years, born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, in August 1981.

He entered the United States Army in February 2001 to attend the Defense Language Institute (DLI) at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Later that year, he attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, now known as Fort Moore graduating as an Infantryman in September 2001.

He has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to First Sergeant, in multiple instructor roles, and overseas as an Infantry Advisor.

CSM Nieves-Lopez's assignments include Bradley Driver and Rifleman, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (MECH); Team Leader and Squad Leader, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division; Ranger Instructor, Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, Airborne Ranger Training Brigade; Platoon Sergeant, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade, 25th Infantry Division; Infantry Advisor, US Embassy-Panama Office of Security and Cooperation; First Sergeant, Alpha Company and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade, 1st Armored Division; Master Leader Course Facilitator, NCOLCOE Fort Stewart, Georgia. Most recently serving as the 199th Infantry Brigade Operations Sergeant Major.

He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) on three occasions: OIF I (2003-2004) with 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; OIF III (2005-2006) and OIF V (2007-2008) with, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment. He deployed to Pacific Pathways in 2014 with 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment in support of PACOM security cooperation mission to participate in bilateral exercises with the Armies of Thailand, Korea, and the Philippines.

CSM Nieves-Lopez has attended all levels of the Professional Military Education (PME) system, including the Master Leader Course (HG), an Air Assault, Ranger, Airborne, and Pathfinder Schools graduate. He completed the Tactics Certification Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, the Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course, the Jungle Operations Tactical Course (Australia), and Jungle Survivor Course (Australia). Graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy Class 72. He has earned 57 credits towards a bachelor's degree in Leadership and Workforce Development.

CSM Nieves-Lopez has been married to Brandi Marie Nieves of Clarksville, Tennessee, for over 18 years. They have two children, Elyssia (18) and Mateo (13).

SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 11B

SSG HARRY H. LANGSTON
IN ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 11C

SSG ERIC L. PINSON
IN ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE 11B

SSG CALVIN J. LIVINGSTONE
2/75 RR, JBLM

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE 11C

SGT BRENDON S. MCCOY
HHC 2-34 AR, 1 ID

IRON AWARDEE 11B

JOHN E. KELLY
A CO, 3/75 RR, Fort Moore

IRON AWARDEE 11C

SGT ANTHONY L. MOYER
HHC 2-4 IN AR, 10TH MTN

LEADERSHIP AWARDEE 11B

DYLAN G. CHOATE
B CO, 1-21 IN, Schofield Barracks, HI

COMMANDANT'S LIST

SGT ROMARIO ALVARADO
SSG CALEB ANDERSON
SGT ISAIAH BRIDGES
SGT HALSEY BURCHFIEL
SGT CALEB COOK
SSG JOSEPH FERGUSON
SGT NICHOLAS FREY
SGT ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ
SGT RYAN HALLUM
SGT CHAD IOVINO

SGT ZACHARY JAIME
SGT ISAIAH LEONGUERRERO
SGT ALEXIS LUNA
SGT HARRISON MAYONE
SGT DYLAN O'DONNELL
SGT JEFFREY PORTREY
SGT SEAN QUINLAN
SGT WYATT STUCKEY
SGT NATHAN VAJNER
SGT CHARLES WALKER

CLASS 002-25 GRADUATES

SGT BAXTER HOMAN CAMERON
SGT AARON CODY
SGT ABERNATHY THOMAS
SSG AHMED HAMDAN
SGT ALONGI MICHAEL
SGT ALVARADO ROMARIO
SGT ANDERSON CHASE
SSG ANDERSON CALEB
SGT ANTOLIN DEONTE
SGT ARNZEN WESTON
SGT ARTEAGA SEBASTIAN
SGT BARNES JOHN
SGT BARNEY MARCUS
SGT BEAUCHAMP DAVID
SGT BERGEN CODY
SGT BEVERLY JACOB
SGT BLACK NOAH
SGT BLANCHARD ALEXANDER
SGT BLAND WESLEY
SSG BOYD TREVOR
SGT BRADBURY ALEXANDER
SGT BRIDGES ISAIAH
SGT BURCHFIEL HALSEY
SGT CAUFIELD BRANDON
SGT CHANG TOU
SGT CHOATE DYLAN
SGT COLEMAN CHRISTIAN
SGT COOK JONATHAN
SGT COOK CALEB
SGT DA SILVA JILSON
SGT DAVIS BENCE
SGT DETEJADAMILLAN ALBERTO
SGT DORR DAVID
SGT EBNER JARRET
SGT FAUX ETHAN
SGT FELTS ETHAN
SSG FERGUSON JOSEPH
SGT FERNANDEZ SERGIO
SGT FLORES MARK
SGT FORTSON JALEN
SGT FRANKE BENJAMIN
SGT FREY NICHOLAS
SGT GARCIA ROBERTO
SGT GERBER BRADEN
SGT GOCHNOUR CORY
SGT GOLDER LOGAN
SGT GONZALEZ ARROYO ADRIAN
SFC GOODMAN SAUL
SGT GOODSCHMIDT TY
SGT GOSSETT WILLIAM
SGT GRAY ANDRE
SGT GRAY XAVIER
SGT GRIFFIN MARCUS

SGT GUTIERREZ ALEJANDRO
SGT HALLUM RYAN
SFC HANWOOL KIM
SGT HARP TALOR
SGT HEBERT KAIN
SGT HENDRIX MATTHEW
SGT HERNANDEZ MARCOS
SGT HERTEL HUNTER
SGT HOGARTH WILLIAM
SGT HOLLAND ANTHONY
SGT HOWE STEPHEN
SGT HOWELL BRYCE
SGT IOVINO CHAD
SGT JAIME ZACHARY
SGT JENKINS ROBERT
SGT JIMENEZ DENNIS
SGT JOSEPH ANDRE
SGT KELLER COLTON
SGT KELLY JOHN
SFC KIJUNG KIM
SSG KING GARRETT
SGT KLEMEK JACK
SGT KNIGHT MICHAEL
SGT KRUGER IAN
SGT LARSEN BLAKE
SGT LAWRENCE DAKOTA
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SGT LOA NICHOLAS
SGT LOPEZ SAMUEL
SGT LUNA ALEXIS
SGT LUTZ JACOB
SGT MALDONADO JUSTINE
SGT MARINEZ FREDERIC
SGT MARKOWSKI NATAHN
SGT MARQUEZ SAUL
SGT MASON TEVIN
SGT MAXWELL JOSHUA
SGT MAYONE HARRISON
SGT MCCOLLUM ANTIGONE
SGT MORRISON HUNTER
SGT MORTON TYLER
SGT NAHASS ZACKARY
SGT NAVAS KEVIN
SGT NICOSIA ANTONIO
SGT NOBLES DEVIN
SGT NWOGU OKWUNNA
SGT O'DONNELL DYLAN
SGT PIKE SKYLAR
SGT PINKHAM NATHANIAL

SGT PORTREY JEFFREY
SGT PRUITT CODY
SGT QUINLAN SEAN
SGT RADOSTA PAYTON
SGT ROBLEY DAVID
SGT RUTHERFORD LARS
SGT SANCHEZ MALDONADO HAROLD
SGT SANBURY JOSHUA
SGT SANTANA MARCO
SGT SANTOS JONA
SGT SHAR NEVILLE
SGT SHEA GABRIEL
SGT SIMONS CHRISTOPHER
SGT SMITH ETHAN
SGT SOLAITA LEI
SGT SOTO ERIC
SGT STAHLER DEREK
SGT STOKER BLAKE
SGT STRINGHAM RUSSELL
SGT STUCKEY WYATT
SGT SWACIAK BRANDON
SGT SYLLA ALHEXY
SGT TOMLINSON DAMIEN
SGT TUFI JOEVETTE
SGT TURPEN CHRISTOPHER
SGT VAJNER NATHAN
SGT VALENCIA CHRISTOPHER
SGT VAZQUEZ BRYAN
SGT WALKER CHARLES
SGT WASS DIRK
SGT WEATHERS JORDAN
SGT WEBBER MARTIN
SSG WENBERG REGINALD
SGT WESTON WYATT
SGT WHITE COREY
SGT WHITLEY NATHAN
SGT WORLEY NICHOLAS
SGT YAZZIE JOSHUA
SGT YOUNGQUIST DANIEL
SSG ZEITLER CHRISTOPHER

Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer

No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army". I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!

THE ARMY SONG

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:

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.

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.

A special thanks to the family and friends here to support their Soldiers and their achievements while in the Henry Caro NCO Academy.

You are invited to post photos of your graduates and their loved ones on social media. Tagging @HenryCaroNCOAcademy and using #HenryCaroNCOA helps us to connect the NCO Academy community.

