

**MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
HENRY CARO
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY**

Armor Advanced Leader Course



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SFC ALEXANDER VEGA
SFC JAMES FERRONE

FIRST SERGEANT
19C/K SENIOR INSTRUCTOR
19D SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTORS

CAVALRY SCOUT (19D)

SSG DAVID BOULWARE IV
SSG SPENCER CLARK
SSG DREXLER MCCOLLY
SSG RYANKEVIN SANTOS
SSG DARAL SIDBERRY
SSG THOMAS LAND
SSG ROBERT WOOD
1SG MAIKLO RODRIGO ROSSI

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SFC AARON HANSBERRY
SFC SAMUEL JENKINS
SSG RICHARD NELSON
SSG GUSTAVO GAMEZ
SSG KYLE TERRILL
SFC SAMUEL JENKINS
SSG LOGAN MCQUAIN
SSG ZACHERY BURNETT



HENRY CARO

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

ARMOR ALC FIRST SERGEANT

1SG JESSE A. BOELL

First Sergeant Jesse A. Boell hails from Schleswig, Iowa, and graduated from Kearney High School in 2007. After graduation, he attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY, earning the Military Occupational Specialty of M1 Armor Crewman.

First Sergeant Boell has held every position as an Armor Crewman on the M1A2 Abrams and the Stryker Mobile Gun System Platforms. He has served in multiple units including the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Camp Casey, South Korea, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, 5th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, Fort Wainwright, Alaska and the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, Fort Riley, Kansas. He held the positions of Platoon Sergeant and Company First Sergeant for Bandido Charlie Company, 1-16 Infantry Battalion, with whom he deployed to eastern Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve to Bulgaria, Romania and Greece.

First Sergeant Boell has also served in multiple broadening assignments, to include recruiting with the Columbus, Ohio Recruiting Battalion as well as an instructor for the Mobile Gun System Commander Course at Fort Benning, GA. Most recently, he held the position of the 19K Career Management NCO with the Office of the Chief of Armor.

His military education includes all levels of PME up to Master Leaders Course. He is also a graduate of M1A2 SEP Master Gunner Course. First Sergeant Boell holds an Associate of Science Degree in Business Marketing from Post University and is currently studying Human Resources Management at Troy University.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7th award), Army Achievement Medal (5th award), Army Superior Unit Award, Overseas Service medal (3rd Award), Master Gunner Identification Badge and the Recruiting Badge Silver. He has been inducted into the Order of St. George, Bronze Medallion and the Order of St. Maurice.



316TH CAVALRY BRIGADE BRIGADE OPERATIONS SERGEANT MAJOR

GUEST SPEAKER SGM ROCKY KUNKEL

SGM Kunkel joined the United States Army out of Greeley, Colorado on 2 September 2003. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon graduation, he received the MOS 19K, Armor Crewmen.

SGM Kunkel found himself in the tundra of Alaska, stationed at Fort Richardson for his first duty station. He trained and deployed with the 1-72nd Stryker Brigade to Iraq in 2004. He transitioned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he assisted in forming the 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. SGM Kunkel served as a Mobile Gun System (MGS) Vehicle Commander in the 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Regiment. He deployed to Afghanistan in 09-10. He completed 24 months as a Drill Sergeant in Bulldog Company 1st Battalion-81st Armor Battalion at Fort Benning, GA. Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, SGM Kunkel established himself as a competent and confident Platoon Sergeant in Cobra Company, 2nd Battalion 8th Cavalry. In 2014 he deployed the first-ever Tank Platoon into the Baltics in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. SGM Kunkel assumed duties as a Tank Company 1SG in August 2015. During his 24 months as a Tank Company 1SG, he deployed to Korea for nine months. SGM Kunkel was selected over his peers to assume responsibility as the HHC Brigade 1SG for 1st Brigade 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood, TX. He completed a combined 36 months as a 1SG. He was selected to become an Observer, Coach/Trainer at the National Training Center located in Fort Irwin, CA. SGM Kunkel served on the Cobra Team within Operations Group and completed over 20 rotations. In 2019 SGM Kunkel was selected to attend the Sergeants Major Academy located at Fort Bliss, TX. Upon graduation he was assigned as the Chief Instructor with the 5th Squadron 15th Cavalry Regiment located at Fort Benning, GA. Then, SGM Kunkel served as the Command Sergeant Major for the 3rd Battalion 67th Armor Regiment at Fort Stewart, GA. He deployed the Hound Battalion (3-67AR) to Lithuania for 9 months in support of Operation Assure, Deter and Reinforce. Currently he is serving as the BDE OPS SGM of 316th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Benning, GA.

SGM Kunkel's military and civilian education include a Bachelors Degree in Leadership and Workforce Development and an Associates' degree in Applied Science. He is a graduate of the following courses, M1A2 SEP Master Gunner Course 003-15, Improved Target Acquisition System, Army Basic Instructor course, Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle Operator course, Stryker Mobile Gun System Vehicle Operator course, United States Army Drill Sergeant School, Combatives Level I and II, 19K One Station Unit Training, Unit Armorers course, SBCT Battle Staff NCO Course, and the Stryker Leaders course.

SGM Kunkel's awards and decorations consist of Meritorious Service Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation medal (1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), and 1 Valorous Unit Award. He has earned the Master Gunner Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

SGM Kunkel and his wife Janelle have been married for 21 years. They have two teenage daughters Taneya and Leah.

SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 19D

SSG DAVID BOULWARE
AR ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 19C/K

SFC AARON M. HANSBERRY
AR ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE 19C/K

SSG ERIC C. SZUDY
HHC 1-9 CAV 2ND ABCT, 1ST CD FORT CAVAZOS TX

IRON WARRIOR AWARDEE 19D

SGT KEVIN T. WOODRING
A TRP 1-91 CAV 173RD ABN BCT GRAFENWOEHR DEU

IRON WARRIOR AWARDEE 19C/K

SGT JORDAN J. MCCRAY,
C CO, 1-12 CAV 3RD ABCT 1ST CD FORT CAVAZOS TX

LEADERSHIP AWARDEE 19D

SSG ANDREW E. SULZMAN
B TRP 1-4 CAV 1ST ABCT 1ST ID FORT RILEY KS

LEADERSHIP AWARDEE 19C/K

SSG ERIC C. SZUDY
HHC 1-9 CAV 2ND ABCT, 1ST CD FORT CAVAZOS TX

COMMANDANT'S LIST

SSG ERIC C. SZUDY
SGT JORDAN J. MCCRAY

CLASS 002-25 GRADUATES

19D CLASS 002-25

SSG CANNON, JARED
SSG CONFORME, NICOLAS
SSG GRIEST, BRANDON
SSG MEDINA, CHRISTOPHER
SSG SULZMAN, ANDREW
SSG WARD, JARROD
SSG WEBB, DAVID
SGT BALZA, ISIDRO
SGT DAVIS, JOSHUA
SGT DONAHOO, BRIAN
SGT GREENE, PHILLIP
SGT GUZMAN, KEVIN
SGT HOUSTON, LUKE
SGT LOPEZSANABRIA, JAIR
SGT LUNA, EDWARD
SGT MALONE, TAYLOR
SGT MANLY, MICHAEL
SGT MARQUEZ, ANTHONY
SGT MATIAS, KENNETH
SGT MICHAEL, MAXIMUS
SGT MILLER, JORDAN
SGT MORAN, TYLER
SGT STRADE, SEAN
SGT THORPE, RYAN
SGT TRANCHO, ANTHONY
SGT WALTERS, ROBERT
SGT WOODRING, KEVIN

19C/K CLASS 002-25

SSG ABRAHAM, CHASE
SSG ADAMS, MAKENZIE
SSG AIKINS, DILLON
SSG ALTMAN, CONNOR
SSG BALLARD, AUSTIN
SSG BARBOUR, DEVON
SSG BUSTAMANTE, MICHAEL
SSG BUTLER, JOSHUA
SSG CHA, CHUA
SSG CHOWNING, NICHOLAS
SSG FARRELL, PAUL
SSG GARCIA-VALLE, ANTHONY
SSG GIBBONS, TEAGAN
SSG GREGORY, BLAKE
SSG GUEVARA, HECTOR
SSG GUEVREMONT, WILLIAM
SSG HASSIG, GRANT
SSG JACK, MARNY
SSG JACOBSON, JEREMY
SSG JAMES, SETH
SSG KERR, JOSH
SSG KROMOFF, MIKE
SSG LITTLE, PAUL
SSG PARISI, ROBERT
SSG PEREZ RAMIREZ, ANGEL
SSG RAYGOZA, JOSE
SSG RAMOS, JHAZMINE
SSG ROSBY, ISACC
SSG SACKKEYFIO, LERON
SSG SCOTT, COREY
SSG SZUDY, ERIC
SSG VAN BEEK, BLAKE
SSG VEINOTTE, BRANDYN
SGT AGRINZONES, ANDREW
SGT ATKINSON, MILES
SGT DUMAGUIT, GIL GABRIEL
SGT MCCRAY, JORDAN
SGT PROUGH, JOHN
SGT RIOS, OSCAR
SGT VANG, YEELENG
SGT VEINOTTE, BRANDYN

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.