



**Captain Gregory M. Bender
Commander, HHC, 1-507 P.I.R.**

CPT Gregory M. Bender from Tampa, Florida graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's of Political Science, and received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2008. His military education includes the Basic Officer Leader Course, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Mechanized Leaders Course, Basic Airborne Course, Pathfinder Course, Army Reconnaissance Course, and the Maneuver Captains Career Course.

As a lieutenant, Captain Bender's first assignment was a Rifle Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Executive Officer in Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment in Germany and deployed in support of OEF to Zabul Province, Afghanistan from 2010-2011. Upon redeployment CPT Bender Served in HHC, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment as the Scout Platoon Leader.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (third award), the NATO ISAF Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Pathfinder Badge.