

MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
HENRY CARO
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY
Basic Leader Course



GRADUATION CEREMONY
CLASS 005-25
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DEPUTY COMMANDANT
DIRECTOR

GUEST SPEAKER

CSM FRANKLYN D. ROSARIO

HENRY CARO NCO ACADEMY CADRE

1SG JEFFREY J. GRAVINO
SFC DAVID R. HAAS
SFC ROBIN NOLLHUSSONG

FIRST SERGEANT
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR
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SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTORS

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SSG CHANCE I. MCGRAW
SSG JAMES J. RADAR
SSG DEANDRE E. ROBINSON
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SSG KEVIN J. STRAITIFF



HENRY CARO

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ACADEMY

BLC FIRST SERGEANT

1SG JEFFERY J. GRAVINO

First Sergeant Jeffrey J. Gravino hails from Long Beach, California and enlisted in the U.S Army in October of 2005. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY, earning the Military Occupational Specialty of Cavalry Scout.

His duty stations include Fort Stewart, GA, Fort Benning, GA, Camp Humphreys, ROK, Fort Riley, KS, and Fort Benning, GA. He served with HHT, Bandit and Comanche Troop 5-7 CAV, Apache Troop 5-15 CAV, G3 8th Army, Comanche Troop 1-4 CAV, and Armor ALC. He has deployed 2 times to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Surge and Operation New Dawn as well as once to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for a total of 36 months.

1SG Gravino has held all leadership positions to include 1SG while deployed to eastern Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve to Poland as well as multiple broadening assignments to include OSUT Instructor, Noncombatant Evacuation Operations NCOIC for the Korean peninsula and Senior Small Group Leader.

1SG Gravino has attended all levels of NCO PME to Master Leader Course. Functional training includes Battle Staff, Cavalry Leaders Course, Armorer, Counter RCIED, Mountain Light Fighters Advanced Rifle Marksmanship Instructor Course, Combatives Level 1 and 2.

1SG Gravino's awards include the Meritorious Service Medals, seven ARCOMs, four AAMs, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (3rd award), Combat Action Badge and Senior Army Instructor Badge. He has been inducted into the Order of Saint George, Black Medallion.

1SG Gravino is married to his wife Abbi with two children: Hayden (14) and Laya (8).



1ST BATTALION 29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

GUEST SPEAKER CSM FRANKLYN D. ROSARIO

CSM Franklyn D. Rosario was born in Dominican Republic on 17 March 1979, and migrated to the U.S. in June 1987 and raised in Providence, Rhode Island. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on 16 September 1997 where he attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia as an Infantryman. CSM Rosario has served in every leadership position from team leader to Operations Sergeant Major. His previous assignments include 2nd BN 27th IN Schofield Barracks HI, 1st BN 509th IN, Fort Johnson, LA, WHINSEC, Fort Benning, GA, U.S. Army Security Assistance Training Management Organization, Colombia, South America, 1st BN 21st IN, Schofield Barracks, HI, 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin, Air Force Base, FL, 1st BN 28th IN, Fort Riley, KS, 1st BN 18th IN, Fort Riley, KS, WHINSEC, Fort Benning, GA, 2nd BN 501st IN, Fort Bragg, NC, and the Sergeants Major Exchange Program Facilitator, Singapore.

CSM Rosario deployed multiple times throughout his career, supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel, and Allies Refugee. He is a graduate of the following courses: Ranger School, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Air Assault School, Common Faculty Course (English and Spanish), and Combatives Levels 1 and 2. He graduated each level of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development including the Singapore Armed Forces Warrant Officer and Specialist Senior Leader's Course.

CSM Rosario's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w "C" device, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Unit Award (2nd award), Good Conduct Medal (9th award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (two bronze service stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th award), Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Chilean, Ecuadorian and Colombian Jump Wings, and the Order of St Maurice.

CSM Rosario is married to his lovely wife Melody.

SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE

SSG VICENTE IRIARTE

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE

SPC LOUIS HWANG

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4TH RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE

HONOR GRADUATE

SPC SAMUEL HIRSCH

REGIMENTAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDEE

JUDEMARIE ALVAREZ

C CO, 35TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION ENHANCED

MALE IRON WARRIOR AWARDEE

SPC DAVID AZITO

ADJUTANT GENERAL BATTALION

FEMALE IRON WARRIOR AWARDEE

SGT JUDEMARIE ALVAREZ

C CO, 35TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION ENHANCED

COMMANDANT'S INSPECTION AWARD

SPC LOUIS HWANG

HHC, 4TH RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE

COMMANDANT'S WRITING AWARD

SPC DAVID AZITO

ADJUTANT GENERAL BATTALION

COMMANDANT'S LIST

SGT JUDEMARIE ALVAREZ

SGT CEM TEZGELDI

SPC DAVID AZITO

SPC COLTIN FALL

CLASS 005-25 GRADUATES

SPC ROBERT BARFIELD

SPC TERRANCE BRIDGEWATER

SPC INDIANA CLAVEUS

SGT AIDAN CONROY

SPC MICHAEL DAMERON

SPC JENNIFER EDWARDS

SPC MICHAEL FREY

SGT REUBEN HAWKINS

SPC DANTE HAYNES

SPC FRANK LECHUGA

SGT MARTIN LORENZO

SGT JOSEPH MARSHALL

SPC MANUEL MEDRANO

SPC JOSHUA MILES

SPC JARON SCHNEIDER

SGT QUINTON STEPNOWSKI

SPC ERIC THOENY

SPC LAVAN TONEY

SGT OSCAR VARELA MARTINEZ

SGT GABRIEL XIMENDES

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.