



2022

ALASKA  
MISSILE DEFENDER  
*of the YEAR*  
AWARD CEREMONY

*November 5, 2022*

*Anchorage, Alaska*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS  
ALASKA MISSILE DEFENDER *of the* YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

Call to Order

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcoming Remarks

Dinner

Remarks

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks

# AWARD HISTORY



## Defender of the Year

January 14, 2011 marked the inaugural Defender of the Year Award Ceremony, recognizing and honoring members of our military who command fully operational and deployed missile defense systems. The event recognized a United States Armed Forces service member from each branch, that currently deploys a U.S. missile defense system, for their outstanding work in the previous year. The event has since become an annual tradition and has been expanded to include the NORAD & USNORTHCOM Missile Warning and Defender of the Year in Colorado, established in 2013, the Alaska Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2014, the Guam Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2015, and the National Capital Region Air and Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2019.

Defender of the Year Award Ceremonies have also expanded beyond the U.S. homeland to recognize the best regional missile defenders from the U.S. and U.S. allies to include the Peninsula Defender of the Year, established in 2012 with our allies in the Republic of Korea, the Okinawa Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2013 with our allies in Okinawa, Japan, the Gulf Cooperation Council Air and Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2014 with our allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council, the European Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2014 with our allies in Europe, the Japan Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2015 with our allies in Japan, and the Dutch Missile Defender of the Year, established in 2017 with our allies in the Netherlands.

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We want to thank all those who have supported MDAA for over a decade to fulfill its mission to educate the American public on the need for our nation to develop and deploy missile defense.

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# ABOUT MDAA



## The Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance

MDAA's mission is to make the world safer by advocating for the development and deployment of missile defense systems to defend the United States, its armed forces, and its allies against missile threats.

MDAA is the only organization in existence whose primary mission is to educate the American public about missile defense issues and to recruit, organize, and mobilize citizens to advocate for the critical need of missile defense. We are a non-profit organization that does not advocate on behalf of any specific system, technology, architecture, or entity.

MDAA was founded by Riki Ellison in 2002 to generate public support through education for the continued testing, development, and deployment of missile defense systems.



F-22 Awardee

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### CAPTAIN MITCHELL "SHIFT" WILLIS

Capt Willis is the Chief of Training and an F-22 Instructor Pilot for the 525th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Alaska. In this capacity, he is responsible for training new pilots arriving to Alaska in Mission Qualification Training and various other upgrade events. Capt Willis commissioned from the United States Air Force Academy in 2016 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After USAFA, Capt Willis earned his pilot wings from Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training in 2018 and was assigned F-22's at Eglin AFB. Captain Willis graduated from the F-22 Formal Training Course in 2019. He has been stationed at JBER since 2019 where he has served in various jobs including Chief of Training and Alert Forces Commander. Over the last three years as a member of the 525 Bulldogs, in support of the Alaska NORAD mission, Capt Willis has spent nearly 600 hours on immediate response alert, including flying five real-world scramble launches to intercept Russian Long Range aviation assets, securing the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone and ensuring the defense of the United States. Capt Willis also organized and hosted a Congressional Delegation of six United States Senators, briefing them on F-22 capabilities and modernization projects, and setting the stage for discussion of the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex infrastructure upgrade project. Finally, Capt Willis has rapidly accelerated through flying upgrades, and completed the instructor Pilot upgrade during his first Raptor assignment, a feat achieved by less than 15% of all F-22 pilots. He is a tremendous asset to the Bulldogs, Alaska, and the United States Air Force!

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## **MAJOR CHRISTOPHER A. BOYER**

Maj Boyer is an F-22 Weapons Instructor Pilot assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron as the Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska. After graduating from high school, Capt Boyer went to the United States Air Force Academy, arriving in June 2004 for basic training. Receiving honors as a distinguished graduate, he continued his education as a newly commissioned officer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in August 2008. After graduating with a Master's of Science in Operations Research, he received an assignment to Laughlin AFB, Texas, arriving in July 2010 to start Undergraduate Pilot Training. Beginning in 2020 as the 3rd Wing Weapons Officer, Maj Boyer began efforts to modernize the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC), the largest overland training airspace in the world, and host to over 100 Fifth-Gen aircraft between Elmendorf and Eielson AFB. This is vital to ensuring that today's warfighters can train in a live-fly environment to the United States' peer and pacing adversaries. Lines of effort span airspace revisions, air and surface threat updates, infrastructure modernization, and synthetic training military construction improvements. In conjunction with Headquarters Air Force and the Pacific Air Forces, Maj Boyer wrote requirements defining the attributes of future unmanned and manned Adversary Aircraft (ADAIR) to operate on the JPARC. In addition, designing training scenarios for USINDOPACOM, while working with congressional delegates and the test community, resulted in acquisition of future surface threat emitters representative of our peer adversaries. Maj Boyer routinely helps Eielson's 354 Range Squadron to improve JPARC infrastructure – secure radio communication, datalink nodes, range access, implementation of surface threats, and the requirements for the recently awarded JPARC Range Operations Center (JROC). Last, Maj Boyer's recent efforts as PACAF's synthetic training subject matter expert with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and USINDOPACOM resulted in approval for the Joint Integrated Test & Training Center (JITTC), a new simulator facility to be constructed at Elmendorf beginning in 2025. This project will drastically improve the way warfighters train in the future – moving from the live-fly environment to the simulator in order to protect fragile capabilities and to open the fight beyond the JPARC's airspace boundaries, combining all-domain assets across all services.



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AWACS Awardee

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### CAPTAIN ZACHERY M. HOLLOPETER

Capt Hollopeter is the Executive Officer for the 3rd Operations Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The 3rd Operations Group provides premier combat-ready aerospace forces to warfighting commanders tasked to defend and protect U.S. interests in the Pacific region and around the world. The group trains, mobilizes, and employs five squadrons comprised of C-17 Globemaster, C-12 Huron, E-3 Sentry, and F-22 Raptor aircraft, providing unmatched air dominance, global mobility, and command and control for Combatant Commanders. Additionally, Capt Hollopeter is assigned to the 962 Airborne Air Control Squadron with more than 1700 hours on the E-3 AWACS. Capt Hollopeter commissioned in 2015 from the University of Notre Dame AFROTC while earning his Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics at Indiana University South Bend. His operational assignments include Instructor Air Surveillance Officer, Instructor Air Battle Manager, and Flight Examiner on the E-3 Sentry. Capt Hollopeter has flown in Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and NOBLE EAGLE. In 2020, Capt Hollopeter was awarded 962 AACS Air Surveillance Officer of the Year in Tinker AFB, OK. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from Indiana University South Bend. Capt Hollopeter is married to his wife Shawna.

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## **MAJOR CHRISTIAN J. SHIPP**

Maj Shipp is an Assistant Director of Operations assigned to the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron as an Evaluator pilot, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron provides Combatant Commanders with airborne battle management and C2 forces in support of the National Defense Strategy. Major Shipp supervises flight operations for over 150 aircrew and two assigned E-3 aircraft. Maj Shipp was commissioned in 2012 from the ROTC program at Florida State University. He is the recipient of three Air Medals and two Numbered Air Force Safety Awards and has served in a variety of operational flying positions including Squadron Chief of Safety and FTU Instructor pilot. Additionally, Maj Shipp is a graduate of the United States Marine Corps Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course. Prior to his current position, Maj Shipp served as the 3rd Wing's Chief of C2 Weapons and Tactics. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences from Florida State University.



Clear SFS Base Defender Awardee  
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## SENIOR AIRMAN KEEANA FIELDER

SrA Fielder is the Pass and Registration Clerk for the 268th Security Forces Squadron, Clear Space Force Station, Alaska. SrA Fielder enlisted with the Alaska Air National Guard in 2019 where she immediately contributed to mission success and continues to demonstrate devotion and commitment in every role she is assigned to. In Pass and Registration, SrA Fielder displays constant professionalism and is well versed in programs used for the vetting of all visitors and contractors such as Open Fox, Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS), Air Force Justice Information System (AFJIS), and Defense Information System for Security (DISS). SrA Fielder graduated from Basic Training at Lackland AFB in March of 2020 and then Security Forces Technical Training shortly thereafter. In October of 2020 SrA Fielder volunteered to support Clear Space Force Station during manning shortages fulfilling the role of installation patrolman and armorer, where she was responsible for safeguarding a protection level 1 (PL1) resources valued at 800 million dollars, along with 600 military and civilian personnel in support of the NORAD Missile Defense and Early Warning Missions. She was recruited to the Clear SFS Honor Guard where her active participation has contributed to seven ceremonies and ensures a legacy of Airmen who promote the mission, protect the standards, perfect the image, and preserve a proud heritage. In addition to all her recognizable military accomplishments, SrA Fielder is dedicated to self-improvement and professional development as she is currently working towards a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from American Military University with an estimated graduation date of 2025. SrA Fielder was selected for the full-time position as the Pass and Registration Clerk due to her numerous accomplishments and has since earned Airman of the Quarter twice and the 268 SFS Outstanding Security Forces Flight Level Airman of the Year for 2021 and Support Staff Airmen of the Year in 2022. Finally, SrA Fielder upholds the Air Force core values, setting high standards for her peers, and continues to foster positive leadership and mentorship skills, showcasing her future capabilities.



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## **TECHNICAL SERGEANT GABRIEL RAMIREZ**

TSgt Ramirez is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Pass and Registration Section for the 268th Security Forces Squadron, Clear Space Force Station, Alaska. In Pass and Registration, He is responsible for bolstering installation security through rigorous analysis of data, investigations, and proper authentication and documentation. To be able to provide this service, he is responsible for being proficient in using and training others on multiple programs including Defense Information System for Security (DISS), Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS), Air Force Justice Information System (AFJIS), and Open Fox. He uses the listed programs to control access to the installation. He is the subject matter expert in creating and tracking all Restricted Area Badges and DBIDS installation access cards. He provides Security Forces members with information that is vital to their safety and the safety of all personnel on the installation. He has 17 years of service and has served on Active Duty and in the Air National Guard. His first duty station was F.E Warren AFB, Wyoming. During his time there, he earned "Senior Airman Below the Zone" and was promoted above his peers. He participated in the Mighty Guardian exercise and was coined for his actions against a special forces unit. TSgt Ramirez was then assigned to Izmir Air Station, Turkey. While stationed in Turkey, he gained a basic knowledge of the local language. With that knowledge, he was asked to assist the local OSI detachment with "Operation Spyglass" and gained access to information that would help keep personnel secure. His last assignment on active duty was at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. While assigned there, he responded to a gate runner who was attempting to access the flightline. TSgt Ramirez's quick response ensured the security of multiple aircrafts and saved the life of a veteran who had stopped taking their medication. His education surpasses over 99.3% of airmen currently serving and is currently a doctoral candidate in psychology. Some of his certifications include, Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) Greenbelt, active shooter instructor, combatives instructor, motivational interviewing instructor, verbal judo instructor, crisis intervention certified, and is FEMA incident command certified. Even with all TSgt Ramirez's accomplishments, his drive to improve and enhance his skills continue to shine through his actions.



Cobra Dane Awardee  
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## TECHNICAL SERGEANT WESLEY S. JORDAN

TSgt Jordan is a Traffic Management Craftsman assigned to the 13th Space Warning Squadron (SWS) as Manager, COBRA DANE Logistics, Joint-Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER), Alaska. TSgt Jordan is a highly skilled transportation management logistician and critical to the demanding Missile Defense mission in Alaska. His initiative and diligent work ethic inspires his team in moving forward on the mission, the weapon system, and themselves. TSgt Jordan serves as a site logistics lead for the COBRA DANE missile defense radar located at a geographically isolated location in Alaska, providing improved quality-of-life, logistics support, travel coordination, information systems management, and site security administration actions. He expedites in-transit cargo to a secure site by preparing required shipping documents while enforcing DoD policies and directives. He directs upgrade projects by bridging communications between the Space Systems Command (SSC), United States Space Force (USSF), and Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center (PRSC) for critical support at Eareckson Air Station (EAS), Alaska. TSgt Jordan used his vast experience to fortify the logistics lifeline by processing over 870 documents to transport critical parts and supplies in support to the national missile defense mission. TSgt Jordan was lauded for his vital support in coordinating a time-sensitive delivery of 16 key assets which saved an \$11.5 million power supply upgrade which directly affected the Space Domain Awareness and Missile Defense mission. His level of professionalism and tireless dedication led to him receiving a letter of appreciation from the COBRA DANE program manager for his outstanding support. TSgt Jordan was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on December 8, 1989. He attended Roanoke Rapids High School, graduating in May 2008. Afterwards, he enrolled at Chowan University, Murfreesboro, North Carolina as a double major in History and Secondary Education. Upon completion of his first year in college he subsequently enlisted in the Air Force and arrived at Lackland AFB, TX in July 2009 for basic military training. He has 13 years of active duty service with experience in locations at Washington, Kyrgyzstan, Germany, North Carolina, Kuwait, Republic of South Korea and Alaska.



13th Space Warning Squadron  
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## **SECOND LIEUTENANT JEFFREY DUNAGIN**

Lt Dunagin is a Crew Commander in the Missile Warning Operations Center at the 13th Space Warning Squadron at Clear SFS, AK. Lt Dunagin exercises operational control of the Clear Upgraded Early Warning Radar. His primary duties include the detection and reporting of missile warning events, tracking of over 9,000 low-earth orbiting satellites, tracking of new foreign and domestic launches, and the collection and routing of space object identification data. Lt Dunagin supports missile warning threat assessment and space domain awareness for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and US Space Command. Lt Dunagin graduated from the University of Colorado in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Astrophysics. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Space Force through Air Force Officer Training School in 2020. He then attended Officer Undergraduate Space Training at Vandenberg SFB, CA and Space Warfighter Follow-on at Peterson SFB, CO on his way to his first operational assignment at Clear SFS. Lt Dunagin's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Medal, and the Air and Space Training Ribbon.



213th Space Warning Squadron  
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## TECHNICAL SERGEANT AARON TRUJILLO

TSgt Trujillo is a Crew Chief at the Clear Space Force Station, Missile Warning Operations Center. TSgt Trujillo exercises operational control of the Clear SFS Upgraded Early Warning Radar, practicing uncompromising situational awareness for detecting and reporting missile warning events. Tracks over 9,000 low earth-orbiting satellites, debris, and rocket bodies, tracking new foreign and domestic launches, and space object identification. He develops data analytic tactics to maintain situation awareness for current/upcoming events to correlate variables of likely outcomes to adversarial launches. TSgt Trujillo is part of a team that supports missile warning threat assessment for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, Northern Command and Space Domain Awareness for the Space Defense Squadron. TSgt Trujillo Enlisted in 2002 and was stationed at Buckley AFB in 2003 as a Security Forces member for the 460 Security Forces Squadron. 2005-2006 TSgt Trujillo was deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq, he was charged with securing detainees in a Theatre Internment Facility, who were suspected of attacking coalition forces. Upon arrival TSgt Trujillo volunteered for the quick reaction force, that would process inbound/outbound detainees, conduct compound searches, hold the line of compounds of 800+ detainees and provide security for school so that detainees could pursue their education. TSgt Trujillo would receive an Army Commendation Medal for his hard work and dedication. 2006-2007 TSgt Trujillo volunteered for a deployment to Baghdad, Iraq as an M2 .50 CAL Machine Gunner with the 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. TSgt Trujillo's Squad was tasked as a Personal Security Detail for the 92nd MP Battalion Commander, providing security for missions to Iraqi Police facilities all over Baghdad, Fallujah, Taji, and Ramadi. TSgt Trujillo would receive his second Army Commendation Medal, Army Combat Action Badge and Air Force Combat Action Medal following this deployment. In 2009 TSgt Trujillo received an honorable discharge from Air Force, he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska. In 2013 TSgt Trujillo re-enlisted in the Alaska Air National Guard as a Security Forces Member at Eielson AFB. 2014-2020 TSgt Trujillo began his transition to Missile Warning with the 213th Space Warning Squadron where he is instrumental in Missile Warning and Space Domain Awareness.

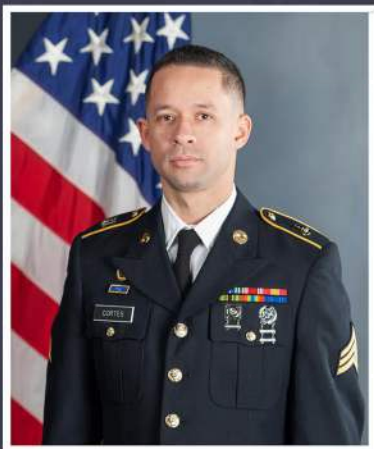


Don Young Memorial Awardee  
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## **CAPTAIN LEE DOCKERY**

Capt Dockery is the Chief, Weapons and Tactics for the 213th SWS, at Clear SFS, Alaska. He oversees the daily mission accomplishment of ballistic missile early warning and space domain awareness. While on duty in the MWOC he acts as the 13SWS and 213SWS Commander's representative. Capt Dockery spearheaded incorporating vital intelligence into real-world training scenarios, preparing all missile warning operations center crews for an anti-satellite (ASAT) event. He has also collected measure and signature intelligence for a counter space weapons launch, ultimately transmitting data to the National Space Defense Center (NSDC) and the 18 Space Control Squadron (18 SPCS), ultimately confirming a counter space threat. Capt Dockery oversaw and conducted over 2000 hours of Upgraded Early Warning Radar mission qualification training for 9 total force members, increasing Combat Mission Readiness by 40%. He has served in both Active Duty and the Alaska Air National Guard at Nellis AFB, Eielson AFB, Alaska, and Clear SFS, Alaska. Prior to his current position, Capt Dockery was the Chief, Operations Training, 213 SWS, Clear SFS, AK. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from ECPI College, Virginia Beach and an Associate Degree in Aviation Electronics and Space Systems from Community College of the Air Force.



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## **SERGEANT DOMINGO CORTES**

SGT Cortes enlisted into the Puerto Rico National Guard in June 2010 as a 31B Military Police. After Completing Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, SGT Domingo Cortes First duty station was the 240th Military Police Company at Fort Allen, Juana Diaz Puerto Rico. He served as a traditional Guardsman from December 2010 to October 2016. SGT Domingo Cortes IST to the Alaska National Guard in October 2016, as he was accepted on the AGR program with the MP GBI Security Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, at Fort Greely, Alaska. SGT Cortes served in multiple positions with the MP GBI Security Company. Assignments included as a Military Police Team Member from October 2016 to November 2018, He got promoted in November 2018 to Sergeant and served as a Military Police Team Leader. While being with the MP GBI he served as the Platoon Armorer for 4 years, He also helped train the 1st and 2nd rotations of Augmentation Forces from California National Guard helping them contribute to the battalion achieving a "T" rating on all evaluations conducted while being attached to the MP GBI Security Company. SGT Domingo Cortes was reassigned in October 2022 to HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion and is currently training to be an FDC Crew Member at Fort Greely. SGT Cortes's military education include: Combat Life Saver, Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Unit UPL, Vindicator Command and Control Operator Course, Ground Surveillance Radar Operator Course, Drone Buster Operator Course, Corian System Training Course, AN/TIC-44 Acoustic Hailing Device Training, and GFC Qualification Course. His awards include Army Achievement Medal (2), Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic Badge-Wheeled Vehicle, and Washington D.C. National Guard Community Service Ribbon. SGT Cortes is married to his beautiful wife Viviana for over 13 years and permanently resides in Delta Junction with their children Alanis, Yahir and Jacob.



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## **SERGEANT SARAH BRICE**

SGT Brice enlisted into the South Carolina National Guard in May 2014 as a 68W Healthcare Specialist from Columbia, South Carolina. Upon completion of Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, SGT Brice joined the 2/263rd Air Defense Artillery National Guard unit in Anderson, South Carolina. SGT Brice served with the 2/263rd ADA from April 2015 to February 2019 attending multiple drills and Annual Trainings in preparation for any state activations or mobilizations. SGT Brice joined the AGR program in March 2019, assigned to the MP GBI Security Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, at Fort Greely, Alaska. She served and still serves in multiple positions with the MP GBI Security Company. Assignments included are as a Military Police Team Member from March 2019 to January 2021. In January 2021, she got promoted to Sergeant and currently serves as a Military Police Team Leader, Equal Opportunity Leader, SHARP Representative, and Unit Public Affairs Representative in the MP GBI Security Company. SGT Brice's military education includes Basic Leaders Course (Commandants list), Vindicator Command and Control Operator Course, Ground Surveillance Radar Operator Course, Drone Buster Operator Course, Corian System Training Course, and Equal Opportunity Leaders Course. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in the Public Health and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration. Her awards include Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic Badge-Wheeled Vehicle, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. SGT Brice enjoys spending her time outside with her dogs and at the barn with her horse.



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## SERGEANT GIOVANNY FLORES

SGT Flores enlisted in the Puerto Rico National Guard in September 2013 as an 11B Infantryman from Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico. Upon completion from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia; he served six years in Bravo Co. 296th Infantry Battalion from September 2013 to July 2019, with the Puerto Rico Army National Guard. Sergeant Flores joined the Alaska Army National Guard in August of 2019. He is currently assigned to the 49th Missile Defense Battalion and serves as a Military Police Officer for Alpha Company. In July 2021, he was promoted to Sergeant as he displayed exceptional leadership qualities. SGT Flores's military education includes: Combat Life Saver, Cold Weather Leadership Course, Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders, Vindicator Command and Control Operator Course, Ground Surveillance Radar Operator Course, Drone Buster Operator Course, Corian System Training Course. SGT Flores holds a bachelor's degree in Sports Science and Minor Degree in Psychology. His awards include: Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal (1), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic Badge-Wheeled Vehicle (1), and Puerto Rico National Guard English Language Proficiency Ribbon. During this period, he sought multiple training opportunities to further his military knowledge, while expanding his leadership skillset. These training opportunities include drills, joint readiness training center (JRTC), and annual training events to prepare for mobilizations and state activations. SGT Flores enjoys traveling and spending time with his family in the beautiful state of Alaska with his wife, Sheila Candelaria, and his son Jahfe (20) and daughter Nahgovy (19).



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## **SERGEANT MACKAY KIM**

SGT Kim enlisted into the Alaska Army National Guard in 2014 as a Military Police Officer (31B). During his junior year of high school, he initiated his military career, attending Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and completed his Advanced Individual Training following graduation. SGT Kim's first assignment was with the 297th Military Police Company, located in Wasilla, Alaska. He attended Khan Quest 2016, participating in a multi-national peace keeping operation. His role during Khan Quest was instrumental to the success of the training exercise and contributed greatly to further establish Partner Nation Relations. He played a crucial role during the January 2017 security mission in Washington D.C., where he provided security during the 58th Presidential Inauguration. In May 2017, while serving as a Team Leader, for a force protection mission on JBER. He safeguarded and ensured the protection and well-being for over 1,000 Military and Civilian personnel, to include the Chief of Staff and The Adjutant General. SGT Kim became an AGR Soldier in January of 2020 at Fort Greely, Alaska where he was assigned as a Military Police Officer for the MP GBI Security Company (A Co). In March 2021, SGT Kim was part of the first Stateside Team to positively identify and engage a drone violating Federal Air Space in US Army History. Mackay further represented the Company by attending the TAG Match in May 2021 and winning the overall championship as part of the marksmanship team. This led to his selection to participate in the MAC VI regionals and Winston P. Wilson Nationals. July 2021, he assisted in the training of over 90 Soldiers, which contributed to the success of the Brigade exercise evaluations, "Guardian Strike 21." This enabled A Co. to achieve a "T" rating. SGT Kim attended the 2022 TAG Match, winning the championship for a second time and once again represented the State at the MAC VI Regionals. Between 2020 and 2022 Sergeant Kim received four Army Achievement Medals and the Governor's Twenty Award, cementing his contribution to the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. SGT Kim is married to his beautiful wife, Luz, and permanently resides in Delta Junction with their two daughters Yashlee and Nova.



Ft. Greely 2021 Top Crew Awardee  
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## **SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANGEL PEREZ**

SFC Perez joined the Puerto Rico National Guard as a PV1 in January of 2011, where he enlisted as a 31B Military Police Officer. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completion, SFC Perez was assigned to the 770th MP Company in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. In 2013, SFC Perez accepted a position in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program, as a team member for the 49th Missile Defense Battalion MP GBI Security Company in Fort Greely, AK. While serving as an MP in the GBI Security Company, he assumed many roles within the line unit: Team Member, Team Leader, Entry Control NCOIC, and Sergeant of the Guard for all active security operations. In January 2017, SFC Perez was selected from a broad pool of personnel to attend the Ground Based Missile Defense qualification. Upon the successful completion of the course, he was assigned as the Communications Operator for Bravo Crew, 49th MDB. In 2019 SFC Perez's knowledge and skill earned him recognition as Missile Defender of the Year as Bravo Crew Communications Operator. In August 2019, he assumed a role of increased responsibility within the FDC as a Weapons Operator for Alpha Crew. During this time, SFC Perez also accepted the additional role of the Missile Defense Operations NCOIC, and yet again performed at the highest level to earn recognition as the 2021 Missile Defender of the Year Weapons Operator. In August 2022, he accepted a promotion to Sergeant First Class and a newly established position with the Command and Control section as the Future Development NCO. He is currently tasked with supporting the technical and tactical defense of the Missile Defense Complex assets and personnel. SGT Perez's prior assignments include: C-UAS Future Developer NCO, Missile Defense Operations NCOIC, Weapons Operator HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Communications Operator, HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion Team Leader, A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion; Team Member, 770th Military Police Company. He holds a Technical degree as an Emergency Medical Technician and an Associate's Degree in General Studies. He is currently working towards his Baccalaureate Degree in Criminal Justice. SFC Perez is married to his beautiful wife Ashley and has a daughter, Nyah (age 3) and a son, Rowan (age 2).



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## **FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT HUGHES**

1LT Hughes was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Eileen Giles and Charles Hughes where he remained until the age of 24. Joining the Idaho National Guard in 2002 he attended Basic at Ft Sill Oklahoma and 88M Motor transport AIT at Ft Bliss Texas. In 2005 1LT Hughes served a tour in Iraq with the 1/148th FA where he was awarded the Combat Action Badge. 1LT Hughes has an Associate's degree in General Education from American Military University and is completing his Bachelor's. After serving as an NCO for 17 years most of which as an AGR with the 49th Missile Defense BN, Alaska Army National Guard. He was looking for a new experience and direction to his career. He then chose to attend Officer Candidate School at Ft. Meade, South Dakota in 2019. He will be returned to the 49th Missile Defense BN after completing 14A BOLC to be a Missile Defense Crew, as a Sensor Operator, and now currently serves as the Battalion S6 OIC. 1LT Hughes and his wife Sabrina have been married for 14 years and have 4 beautiful kids ages 13, 11, 8, and 4. We love to be outside and go camping and four wheeling.



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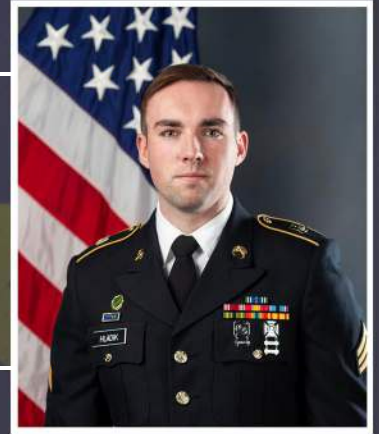


## MAJOR JORGE LORENZANA

MAJ Lorenzana commissioned into the Infantry in 2006 after completing Basic Training and OCS at Fort Benning, GA. After completing IOBC in 2007, MAJ Lorenzana was assigned to Ft. Drum, NY where he served as Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Detachment Commander, and BN S1 for 1-32 IN. While serving as XO, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan. In 2011, MAJ Lorenzana was assigned to Fort Hood, TX. He served as a Plans Officer for 2ABCT and 1-5 CAV while deployed to Iraq. Upon return from Iraq, MAJ Lorenzana was selected to command A/1-5 CAV. While in command, MAJ Lorenzana deployed to Afghanistan. After command, he served as an Observer, Coach/Trainer with 1st Army Division West. MAJ Lorenzana completed Resident ILE at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) in 2017 and was assigned to 1-25 SBCT at Fort Wainwright, AK. While at Fort Wainwright, he served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 3-21 IN completing a training deployment to Thailand and Japan. In 2019, MAJ Lorenzana transitioned to the AK National Guard and entered the AGR program. He served as Senior Tactical Director with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion before assuming his current assignment as Battalion S3. MAJ Lorenzana's military education includes: Air Defense Artillery Officer Reclassification Course, Space Operations Qualification Course, GFC Qualification Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course (ILE), Bradley Leader's Course, Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Airborne School, Infantry Mortars Leader's Course, Infantry Officer's Basic Course, Basic Officer's Leadership Course, and Officer Candidate School. He holds a Master's Degree in Christian Ministry from Liberty University and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from The University of West Florida. His awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (5), Army Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Afghanistan Campaign Medal- 2 Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal-1 Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Space Badge, and Airborne Badge. MAJ Lorenzana is married to Amber and has two daughters, Alexandra and Kristina.



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## **SERGEANT ZACHARY HLADIK**

SGT Hladik hails from Ocala, Florida. He enlisted in 2015 as a Military Police Officer and went to One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completing OSUT, SGT Hladik was assigned to the 690th MP Company in Crystal River, Florida. In 2017, SGT Hladik transitioned to Avenger Crewmember (14S), serving with 1-265th Charlie Battery ADA, out of Deland, Florida. In 2018, SGT Hladik transferred to the Alaska Army National Guard as a full time AGR soldier with A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska. During his initial tour, he served in many capacities within Alpha Company: Team Member, Team Leader, Platoon Armorer, BOSS President, Color Guard team member, Admin NCOIC, Entry Control NCOIC, and Sergeant of the Guard for all security operations. At the end of his three year AGR tour, he extended for three additional years in the AKARNG and with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. In 2022, SGT Hladik transitioned from A Company to 49th HHB to work in the Fire Direction Center (FDC) as a Communications Operator. SGT Hladik's prior assignments include: Communications Operator, HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Team Leader, A Company 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Team Member 1-265th ADA, and Team Member 690th Military Police Company. His military education/courses include: Avenger Crew Member Course, Advance Leader Course, Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Qualification Course, Basic Leader Course, Military Police, Combat Life Saver Course. He is currently working towards his Associate's Degree in Psychology. His awards and decorations include: Driver and Mechanic badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicles, Army Good Conduct Medal, 2 Army Achievement Medals, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officers Proficiency Ribbon, Florida State Service Ribbon, Alaska Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, and Army Service Ribbon.



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## **STAFF SERGEANT MICHAEL SANTIAGO**

SSG Santiago is a native of Yauco, Puerto Rico. He enlisted in 2011 as a Military Police Officer and went to One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completing OSUT, SSG Santiago was assigned to the 544th MP Company in Ponce, Puerto Rico. In 2015-2016, SSG Santiago deployed to Honduras as an MP providing site security in Soto Cano Air Base. In 2016, SSG Santiago transferred to the Alaska National Guard as a full time AGR soldier with A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska. During his initial tour, he served in many capacities within Alpha Company: Team Member, Team Leader, Platoon Armorer, Entry Control NCOIC, and Sergeant of the Guard for all security operations. At the end of his three year AGR tour, he extended for six additional years in the AKARNG and with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. In 2020, SSG Santiago transitioned from A Company to 49th HHB to work in the Fire Direction Center (FDC) as a Communications Operator. Here, he has maintained dual certification status as a Weapons and Communications Operator. SSG Santiago's prior assignments include: Weapons Operator HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Communications Operator, HHB 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Team Leader, A Company 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Team Member 544th Military Police Company. His military education/courses include: Intro to Space, Avenger Crew Member Course, Advance Leader Course, Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Qualification Course, Basic Leader Course, Military Police, Combat Life Saver Course, License Instructor/License Examiner Course. He holds an Associate's Degree in Nursing. He is currently working towards his Baccalaureate Degree in General Studies. His awards and decorations include: Basic Space Badge, Driver and Mechanic badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicles, Army Good Conduct Medal, PR English Proficiency Ribbon, 2 Army Commendation Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officers Proficiency Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/M Device, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, and Army Service Ribbon.



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## **FIRST LIEUTENANT KENNETH MCCOY**

1LT McCoy is a native of Anchorage, Alaska. He enlisted in 2015 completing Military Police One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon graduating OSUT, he was assigned to the 297th Military Police Company. 1LT McCoy earned his commission through the University of Alaska, Anchorage ROTC in May 2018. Upon graduation he attended Military Police Basic Officer Leader Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 2019, 1LT McCoy was forward deployed to Camp Buehring Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield (OSS) as a Platoon Leader and Installation Provost Marshall for 297th Military Police Company and Area Support Group – Kuwait (ASG-KU). The Following year in 2020, 1LT McCoy deployed again as the Forward Operating Site OIC – Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR). In 2021, 1LT McCoy served as the Alaska Joint Operation Center (JOC) Battle Captain. In 2022, he accepted a position as a Sensor Operator in the Fire Direction Center (FDC) for Higher Headquarters Battery (HHB), 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, AK, where he currently serves and maintains a dual certification status as a Sensor Operator and Deputy Director for Delta Crew. 1LT McCoy's prior assignments include: 297th Military Police Company Platoon Leader, Camp Buehring, KU; Forward Operating Site OIC – Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, Poland, HHC, 297th Regional Support Group; Joint Operation Center Battle Captain, JFHQ, JBER, AK; Sensor Operator, HHB, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK. His military education/courses include: Military Police Basic Officer Leaders Course, Air Assault School, Unit Movement Office Course, Ground-based Midcourse Defense Qualification Course, Air Defense Artillery Transition Course. He Baccalaureate degree in Justice from University of Alaska, Anchorage. His awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon. Overseas Service Ribbon (2) Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ M Device (2), Global War on Terror Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal and Alaska Domestic Emergency Ribbon. He also is awarded Army Air Assault Wings.

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## **FIRST LIETENANT TAYLOR PARSONS**

1LT Parsons received the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship and attended Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania to begin her military career. After completing the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) in the summer between her junior and senior year, her Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Physiology and commissioning into the United States Reserves, 1LT Parsons immediately began the Medical Services Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. Upon completion of BOLC, 1LT Parsons arrived at her reserve unit located in Fairview, Pennsylvania and was assigned as a Platoon Leader at the 329th Medical Company (Ground Ambulance). 1LT Parsons successfully led her platoon through three Combat Support Training Exercises (CSTX) at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, receiving a T - level rating in each. 1LT Parsons entered the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program in September of 2019 with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion in Fort Greely, Alaska. En route to her new unit, 1LT Parsons attended and graduated from the Ground Based Mid - Course Defense Fire Control Operator Qualification Course (GQC) at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Upon arrival at Fort Greely, 1LT Parsons served as a Sensor Operator on Bravo Crew. She quickly advanced her career and qualified as a Deputy Director on Delta Crew. 1LT Parsons now resides in Huntsville, Alabama and serves as a Technical Engineer within the GMD Mission with DESE Research, Inc. 1LT Parsons' military education includes: Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), Medical Services Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC), Ground Based Midcourse Defense Fire Control Operator Qualification Course (GQC), Air Defense Artillery Officer Transition Course, and Introduction to Space. Her awards include: Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Basic Space Badge. 1LT Parsons completed a Master's Degree in Global Supply Chain Management in May of 2022 from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is happily married to her wife, Taylor, and has two dogs: Sarge and Wrigley. She enjoys fishing, hiking, and spending all the time she can with her family and friends.



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## **CAPTAIN JUSTUS NEUMANN**

CPT Neumann is a native of Hamden, Connecticut. He enlisted in 2011 as an Officer Candidate and went to Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Upon graduating BCT, he was assigned to the 1/169th (LDR) OCS in Niantic, Connecticut. CPT Neumann commissioned in 2013 through the Connecticut Army National Officer Candidate School (OCS) as a Military Police Officer. In 2015, CPT Neumann accepted a position as a Platoon Leader in A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, AK. In 2018, he transitioned to Higher Headquarters Battery (HHB), 49th Missile Defense Battalion where he was assigned as the Deputy Tactical Director for Bravo Crew. During his tenure as the Deputy Director, Bravo Crew was recognized as the 2018 Top Crew. In 2019, CPT Neumann transitioned to the Operations section where he worked as the Antiterrorism, Security, and Force Protection (ASFP) OIC. During the COVID Pandemic, CPT Neumann filled his role as the BN ASFP while simultaneously supporting the mission in the FDC, certifying as both a Deputy and Senior Tactical Director. In 2021, CPT Neumann became the Delta Crew Senior Tactical Director while fulfilling his BN ASFP duties. In 2022, he was assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer, which is his current primary role. CPT Neumann's prior assignments include: Assistant Operations Officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Antiterrorism, Security, Force Protection OIC, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Deputy Tactical Director, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Executive Officer, A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Platoon Leader, A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Platoon Leader, 643rd Military Police Company (I/R), Westbrook, CT; Platoon Leader, 143rd Military Police Company (CS), West Hartford, CT.



Ted Stevens Memorial Awardee  
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## CAPTAIN RYAN HAIRSTON

CPT Hairston is a native of Clarksville, Virginia. He enlisted in 2012 as an Officer Candidate and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 2016, CPT Hairston accepted a position as a Sensor Operator in HHB, 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, AK. During his tenure as a Sensor Operator, CPT Hairston was recognized as a 2019 Missile Defender of the Year. In early 2020 CPT Hairston was moved to the Battalion Plans Officer position prior to assuming Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery in July 2020. While in Command, CPT Hairston successfully maintained certifications as both a Deputy and Senior Tactical Director to augment the GMD mission as required. Upon completion of Command CPT Hairston was assigned to the newly formed 49th MDB Missile Defense Operations section as the Deputy Team Chief for the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. He is tasked with ensuring training and evaluation continuity between the Battalion and 100th Missile Defense Brigade, as well as verifying the proficiency of Fire Direction Center Operators in day-to-day, and crisis-in-combat tasks in accordance with guidance set by Space and Missile Defense Command and USNORTHCOM. CPT Hairston has overseen Battalion level evaluations, crew and individual training events, designed replacement operator gunnery programs, and augmented the 100th BDE MDOPS team as needed, as well as provided warfighter support in the testing and development of advanced software designed to support the GMD mission. While serving as the MDOPS Deputy Team Chief, CPT Hairston has maintained certifications in multiple Fire Direction Center positions and assumed the real-world mission across these roles to ensure the integrity of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion's no-fail mission. CPT Hairston's prior assignments include: Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Plans Officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; S6 OIC, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Sensor Operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Fort Greely, AK; Platoon Leader, A Company. He holds a Baccalaureate degree in Sociology from Lenoir Rhyne University and is completing a Master of Science of Leadership and Management. CPT Hairston is married to his exceptional wife Miranda, with whom he shares four children: Wylder (6), Woodrow (2), Ella (1), and Isla (1).

# Members of the Order of Alaska Missile Defender of the Year

2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> TSgt Daniel Kennett	<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> SFC Caroline Domenech	<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> Lt Col Keith Grimes	<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> CPT Anthony Montoya
<b>Ft Greely Top Crew</b> SSG Matthew Myers SSG Alberto Galicia 1LT Kyle Rehberg CPT Gilberto Ortiz MAJ Terri Homestead	<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Bravo Crew)</b> SGT Angel Perez SSG John Sorrells SSG Austin McNamee 1LT Ryan Hairston 1LT Justus Neumann CPT Kurtiss Clark	<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Alpha Crew)</b> SGT Bethany Hendren SSG Josef Carstens 1LT Benjamin Maye CPT Gilberto Ortiz MAJ Bernard Smith	<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Delta Crew)</b> SGT Jose Aponte SSG Caroline Domenech 1LT Rachel Simmons MAJ Michael Long
<b>Ft. Greely Base Defenders</b> SPC Emmanuel Diaz Santiago SGT Vincent Weiters	<b>Ft. Greely Base Defenders</b> SPC Sychelle Gonsalves SSG Elvin Martes	<b>Ft. Greely Base Defenders</b> SPC Jonathan Dasta Cortes SGT Bryan Gonzalez Nieves	<b>Ft. Greely Base Defenders</b> SGT Nathan Williams SGT Travis Hall
<b>Cobra Dane Radar</b> MSgt Tariq Simpson	<b>Cobra Dane Radar</b> TSgt Justin Hart	<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> TSgt Kit Dawson 2nd Lt Sebastian Moore Capt Sarah Atherton	<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> TSgt Mark Lockwood Capt Erik Haugen
<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> SSgt Kenneth Jewitt Capt Kevin Nelson	<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> MSgt Chad Petrie Capt Michael Harvey Capt Micah Hanauer	<b>Clear AFS Base Defenders</b> SSgt Justin Smythson TSgt Robert Ives	<b>Clear AFS Base Defenders</b> SSgt Stanislav Barilov SSgt Jonathan Rivera-Calderon
<b>Clear AFS Base Defenders</b> SSgt Matthew Dunlap SSgt Gersom Rivera	<b>Clear AFS Base Defenders</b> SSgt Joshua Marugg TSgt David Davis		
<b>611th AOC</b> A1C Carson Willard MSgt Brandon Renko Capt Samuel Keller Maj Karlton Wolf Maj Brianna Carroll			
2016	2015	2014	
<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> 1st Lt Steven Havens	<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> MSgt Thomas Wright II Capt Eric Vantrease	<b>Ted Stevens Memorial Award</b> CPT Eric Kraus	
<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Charlie Crew)</b> SGT Bensian Correa SSG Javier Solla 1LT Mindy Cason CPT Kevin Fulmer CPT Peter Browning	<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Alpha Crew)</b> SGT Josef Carstens SSG Michael Diachenko 1LT Cody Hennelly CPT Gilberto Ortiz MAJ Jeremy Shepherd	<b>Ft. Greely Top Crew (Bravo Battery)</b> SGT John Sorrells SSG Derrick Holmes CW3 Jacob Moore CPT Jason Brewer CPT Ryan Richard	
<b>Ft. Greely Base Defenders</b> SGT Robert Stamper SSG Derrick Butler	<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> TSgt Brian Brian Rowbotham 1st Lt Micah Hanauer	<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> TSgt Brian Rowbotham Capt Erik Haugen	
<b>Clear AFS Top Crew</b> MSgt Carleas Parsons Maj Joseph Garner			
<b>Clear AFS Base Defenders</b> SrA Jezabelle O'Neil Roulette SSgt Anthony Deppe			

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