

GONZALO CORREA '06



Gonzalo enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard on August of 2000 and was assigned to the 1-149th Aviation Battalion. In August 2003, his unit was mobilized to Bosnia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, providing air support to the Balkan region. After his deployment, Gonzalo started school at Sam Houston State University and joined the ROTC program. During his time in the ROTC, Gonzalo was a member of the Canon Crew and Ranger Company. Gonzalo commissioned in December 2006 as an Aviator but quickly requested a transfer to the Infantry. After graduation, he performed gold bar recruiting duties for the Sam Houston State ROTC until May 2007 when he moved to Fort Benning, GA to begin his Infantry training which included Basic Officer Leader's Course II and Infantry Basic Training Leadership Course.

After completion of his training, Gonzalo's first duty station was Delta Company 1-19th Infantry at Fort Benning, GA, as an Executive Officer. During his time with Delta Company, Gonzalo assisted in the training of the Army's new infantrymen, and completed Airborne School in the summer of 2008. Gonzalo's next duty station was with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Infantry Division where he served as Assistant Operations Officer, and Company XO. In fall of 2009, Gonzalo deployed with his unit to northern Iraq. After his deployment to Iraq, Gonzalo moved back to Fort Benning, GA, to take command of Alpha Company 1-19th Infantry. During his command, Gonzalo trained over 1,000 new infantrymen and began his Master's program through Sam Houston State University. After his command time he served as Battalion Assistant Operations Officer until he left Active Duty in 2012, and transferred to the Texas Army National Guard to attend school full time and complete his MBA. During his time in the Texas Army National Guard he was assigned to the 1-143rd (Airborne) where he served as the Battalion's Logistics Officer, and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer before transferring to the Army Reserves. During his time in with the Army Reserves, he served as an Observer-Controller/Trainer with the 75th Southern Training Command out of Ellington Field through 2015 when he medically retired.

Gonzalo currently works at Sam Houston State University as a Project Manager, and lives in Huntsville, TX, with his wife and two children.

Gonzalo serves on the Board of Directors of the MSAC where he has been, and still is, instrumental in the development and maintenance of the MSAC website and Online Museum.

If you have further information or would like to share a memory, please send to shsumsac@gmail.com