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BIOGRAPHY

Gerardo V. Meneses **Colonel**

COL Gerardo V. Meneses hails from Miami, FL and graduated in May 1992 from the United States Military Academy (USMA). He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and branch-detailed to Armor branch. He graduated from West Point with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Psychology and later completed Master's of Education Degree at Long Island University. His military education includes Armor Officer's Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the Basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course, the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and the Joint Forces Staff College. COL Meneses most recently completed a Senior Service College Fellowship at the University of Denver's Korbel School of International Studies.

COL Meneses' assignments include the 1-66 Armor Battalion, Fort Hood, TX serving as a tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer and BN assistant operations officer during their deployment to Operation Sea Signal at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. At Fort Hood he also served as the Brigade Maintenance Officer in the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. He then served as a Company Commander of the 18th Ordnance Company (EOD), Fort Bragg, NC. Following that assignment he returned to West Point to complete his master's degree and serve as a Tactical Officer overseeing cadet company E-1 at the USMA. Following graduation from the CGSC, he was assigned as the Executive officer of the 184th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) and deployed with them in support of Operation OIF III. To leverage his combat experience and technical expertise he was assigned to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization in Washington, DC to oversee the rapid development, procurement and fielding of CREW (Counter Radio-controlled IED Electronic Warfare) equipment and Force-Protection initiatives. He was then assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado where he served as the operations officer and then Commander of the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD) (PROV), prior to assuming command of the 242d Ordnance Battalion (EOD). He deployed the BN to Afghanistan from July 2013 to July 2014 ISO OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, where he commanded JTF Paladin and all joint-service EOD units supporting conventional forces in Afghanistan.

COL Meneses' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.