

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

LTC Timothy J. McGrew

TITLE: Product Lead, GFEBs-SA

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Three years (since June 2013)

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with one Bronze Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (with one Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (with two Bronze Stars), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device), Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with Bronze Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab; College of William and Mary – MBA – Masters of Business Administration; Florida State University – BS Degree – Hospitality Administration; Pensacola Junior College – AA Degree – Chemistry



1. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SERVED?

28 total years of military service as of August 2016. This includes on active duty as a medic, service in the Florida Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves (TPU and AGR).

2. WHAT LED YOU TO A CAREER WITH THE ARMY?

Originally, I joined because I have three older brothers that were joining the Army and I did not want to be left out. I am the only one still in service.

3. WHO WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR MENTOR AND WHY?

My father was my mentor and hero. He passed away in 2011. He raised 15 children and taught us all to treat others the way we want to be treated. In the Army, my mentor would be BG Francisco Espallat. BG Espallat truly lives the Army values and believes demonstrates through his actions that we can always achieve the mission.

4. HOW MANY PLACES HAVE YOU LIVED AND WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

Throughout my military career, I have lived in Korea, Colorado, Hawaii, Alabama, Florida, and Virginia. My favorite place to live was Hawaii. My wife and I flew to HI from our honeymoon in California.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY OF YOUR MILITARY CAREER?

A few years after I was commissioned, I transferred from the FLARNG to a USAR lanes training unit at Camp Blanding, FL. As a junior CPT, I was assigned as an assistant operations officer. During annual training, as I was coming through our sleeping barracks, I noticed that someone had brought an unexploded field artillery simulator inside the building. I inquired and found out that one of our Sergeant Major's had brought in the unexploded simulator. I then proceeded to sternly express and explain that his actions and decision were not the best ones that he could have taken. The SM quickly removed the unexploded simulator from the barracks. At the end of that annual training, I received an award from the BN S3 that congratulated me for being such a junior officer and living to tell about how I counseled and chewed out a Sergeant Major.

6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ARMY TRADITION?

My favorite Army tradition is the Dining Out. It is an opportunity to learn the history of your unit and the Army but also build some comradery.