

MSG Luis E. Gonzalez

Master Sergeant (MSG) Luis E. Gonzalez was born in Ceiba, Puerto Rico. MSG Gonzalez entered the Army from Fayetteville, N.C. in 2000 and conducted One Station Unit Training at Ft. Sill, OK where he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty of 13B, Cannon Crew Member. He then attended the US Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA.

MSG Gonzalez's assignments include Advance Party Men to Section Gunner Charlie Battery 4-11th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Fort Richardson, AK.; Section Gunner Charlie Battery 1-321st (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Ammunition Team Chief to Gunner Delta Battery 319th (AIRBORNE) FA, Camp Ederle, Italy; Howitzer Section Chief Bravo Battery 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Warner Barracks Bamberg, Germany; Battalion Air NCO HHB 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Warner Barracks Bamberg, Germany; Platoon Sergeant Alpha Battery 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Warner Barracks Bamberg, Germany; Battalion Master Gunner HHB 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Warner Barracks Bamberg, Germany; S3 Operations Sergeant HHB 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Tower Barracks Grafenwoehr, Germany; Military Science Instructor University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez-San German Campus, 6th BDE ROTC US Army Cadet Command, Operations Sergeant HHB 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Tower Barracks Grafenwoehr, Germany, Battery First Sergeant Bravo Battery 4-319th (AIRBORNE) BN FA, Tower Barracks Grafenwoehr, Germany; Battery First Sergeant HHB 41st FAB, Tower Barracks Grafenwoehr, Germany, Senior Military Science Instructor University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 5th BDE ROTC US Army Cadet Command.

MSG Gonzalez has deployed to Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism with the 173rd ABCT on OEF V, V11, X, XII.

MSG Gonzalez's military education includes the Unit Armorer Course, Combat Life Savers Course, Hazmat 11 Course, Primary Leadership Development (PLDC), Advanced Leadership Course (ALC), Senior Leaders Course (SLC), Instructor Training Course (SOCC), CO CDR/1SG Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, and Jump Master Course.

MSG Gonzalez's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), Meritorious Service Medal with 4 OLC, Army Commendation Medal with 3 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 7 OLC, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (4 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal 6th award, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Badge (Master Parachutist), and Combat Action Badge. He is also the recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

MSG Gonzalez currently resides in Germany with Elizabeth M. Gonzalez, his wife of 16 years and his two daughters, Isabella Maria Gonzalez (8) and Valentina Anne Gonzalez (6).