

Assistant Professor of Military Science Gonzaga University Spokane, WA

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CPT Edward Guardo is an Assistant Professor of Military Science with twenty years of service in the United States Army. He joined the U.S. Army in 1997. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His first duty station was Charlie Company, 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

CPT Guardo served as an equipment operator and team leader. His next assignment was the 173rd Engineer Detachment at Vicenza, Italy from June 1999 - June 2001 where he served as an equipment operator and team leader. He returned to Fort Bragg in June 2003 and was assigned to the 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC as an Assault and Barrier Squad Leader. He deployed to Afghanistan as a squad leader in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq as a squad leader in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). In May 2005, CPT Guardo became an Advanced Airborne School Instructor at Fort Bragg, NC. In October 2005 CPT Guardo received orders to attend the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduation he was assigned to the 1st Engineer Brigade Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for Drill Sergeant duty from 1 January 2006-1 February 2008. In 2008, CPT Guardo was assigned to the 535th Engineer Support Company at Grafenwoehr, Germany where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). In 2008 while deployed in Iraq, CPT Guardo was selected for the Army Green to Gold Active Duty Option and was sent to Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO. CPT Guardo then spent the next two years pursuing a baccalaureate degree and a commission. CPT Guardo's highest enlisted rank achieved was Sergeant First Class. CPT Guardo commissioned in May 2010 as a Military Police Officer and after Basic Officer Leaders Course he was assigned to the 463D MP Company, 92nd MP Battalion where he served as a Platoon Leader for 36 months. He deployed to Afghanistan as a Platoon leader from December 2011- December 2012. Upon redeployment CPT Guardo became the Executive Officer for the 463D MP Company until May 2014 when he attended the Military Police Captain Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Upon graduation, CPT Guardo was assigned to the 2-2ID Stryker Brigade Combat Team as the Provost Marshal in October 2014. In April 2016 CPT Guardo was assigned to Washington State University Army ROTC as an Assistant Professor of Military Science. After a year at WSU, CPT Guardo PCS'ed to Gonzaga University in April 2017 where he currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Gonzaga ROTC Detachment.

CPT Guardo holds a M.A. in Organizational & Business Security Management from Webster University at St. Louis, MO and a B.S. in History from Drury University at Springfield, MO. CPT Guardo's military education includes Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Airborne School, Advanced Airborne School, Drill Sergeant School, Military Police Basic Course, Conventional Battlefield Forensics Course, Physical Security Course, Antiterrorism II Course, Crime & Criminal Intelligence Analyst Course, Military Police Captain's Career Course, and the Army's FIFC Instructor Course.

CPT Guardo's awards and decoration include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (six awards), the Army Achievement Medal (6 Awards), the Army Good Conduct Medal (four awards), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Service Medal (2 service stars), the Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 service stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 2), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Medal (2 awards), the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Drill Sergeant Badge.

CPT Guardo has been married for 13 years to his wonderful wife, Shanell. They have two children, Xavier 10, Benjamin 7, and Gabriella 1 month.