

**MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

**HENRY CARO**

**NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY**

# **Advanced Leader Course**



**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**CLASS 001-25 (11B), 001-25 (11C)**

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**“STANDARDS AND DISCIPLINE”**

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## **U.S ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

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## **GUEST SPEAKER**

CSM DENNIS P. MORTON

## **HENRY CARO NCO ACADEMY CADRE**

1SG KENNETH M. CATO  
SFC THOMAS C. STEPHENSON  
SFC CORY D. THOMPSON  
SFC BRANDON M. SCHNIEDER

FIRST SERGEANT  
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR  
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR  
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## **SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTORS**

SFC NICHOLAS L. GABEL  
SSG KEVIN M. BLANKENSHIP  
SSG KEVIN M. BAILEY  
SSG HARRY H. LANGSTON  
SSG STEPHEN M. HANEY  
SSG ERIC L. PINSON  
SSG KRISTOFFER J. WEST  
SSG ANDREW H. WILLIAMS



## **HENRY CARO**

### **NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER**

### **ACADEMY**

### **ALC FIRST SERGEANT**

### **1SG KENNETH M. CATO**

1SG Kenneth M. Cato was born in Shreveport Louisiana, and hails from Gibsland, Louisiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 19, 2004. He attended One station Unit Training at Fort Benning GA as a 11B Infantryman. His first duty assignment was C-CO 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Hood TX. After the Triangular redesign he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion 66th Armored Regiment whom he deployed with in Dec 2005. After redeploying from Iraq, 1SG Cato was assigned to 2nd Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment, where he deployed again to Iraq in 2008. He has since served with 3rd Chemical Brigade, F-Co, A-Co, and B-Co of the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment,

2nd Battalion 34th Armored Regiment, DHHB 1st Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 18th Infantry Regiment, Operations Group NTC, and MCOE NCOA Fort Moore GA.

He has 3 Combat tours to Iraq, and 1 Operational tour to Europe.

His duty positions include Rifleman, Grenadier, Bradley Diver, Bradley Gunner, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Section Sergeant, Brigade operations S3, Senior Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Infantry Company 1SG, Operations NCOIC, Senior NCO trainer at NTC, Instructor and currently the 1SG at IN -ALC.

1SG Cato's Military and Civilian education includes NCOES; BLC, ALC, and SLC. He has completed Combat Life Savers Course, Combatives Level 1 and 2, Unit Armorer Course, Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention course, Battle Staff course, Command Post Of the Future Course, Master Resilient Trainer Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, Drill Sergeant School, Common Faculty development-Instructor Course, Evaluating instructors Course, Knowledge Management Course. He has 111 College credits towards his bachelor's degree of Arts in Digital Design with an Emphasis in Animation.



## **1-50 IN BATTALION COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**

### **GUEST SPEAKER CSM DENNIS P. MORTON**

Command Sergeant Major Dennis P. Morton was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on 28 November 1979. He enlisted in the United States Army on 13 July 2000 to attend Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Morton's duty positions include Fire Team Leader with 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st SBCT, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, WA; Drill Sergeant with, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Training Brigade, Fort Benning, GA; Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant with, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry regiment, 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Li), Fort Drum, NY; Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant with, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall, VA; Frist Sergeant with 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 198th Infantry Training Brigade, Fort Benning, GA; Brigade Operations NCOIC with, 198th Infantry Training Brigade, Fort Benning, GA; Brigade Operations SGM with, 197th Infantry Training Brigade, Fort Moore, GA. CSM Morton is currently serving the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Morton is a graduate of the Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Sergeants Major Course, Pre-Command Course, Company Commander First Sergeant Course, U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School, Heavy Weapons Leader Course, Master Driver Course, and Equal Opportunity Leader Course.

CSM Morton's awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal (two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (eight award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (two Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 2), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, and he is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice.

CSM Morton is married to Mrs. Heather Morton, and they have three children, Jayden, Isabella, and AnnaLeigh. The Morton family resides in Smith Station, AL.

# **SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS**

## **INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 11B**

1SG SANTOS CARLOS  
IN ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

## **INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE 11C**

SSG STEPHEN M. HANEY  
IN ALC SMALL GROUP LEADER

## **DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE 11B**

SGT KATELYN R. KAREN  
B CO , 1-5 CAV, 1<sup>ST</sup> CAV

## **DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE 11C**

SGT BRENDEON S. MCCOY  
HHC 2-34 AR, 1 ID

## **IRON AWARDEE 11B**

SGT NATAHN C. AGUERO  
HHC, 2-503, 173RD

## **IRON AWARDEE 11C**

SGT ANTHONY L. MOYER  
HHC 2-4 IN AR, 10<sup>TH</sup> MTN

## **LEADERSHIP AWARDEE 11B**

SGT DEVYN MCINTOSH  
C CO, 1-503 PIR, 173<sup>RD</sup>

## **COMMANDANT'S LIST**

SGT JARRETT BARNES  
SGT JAKE BATTALIO  
SGT HUNTER BLADEL  
SGT SIMS BOSTIC  
SGT PRESTON BUTTS  
SGT BRYANT COCKRUM  
SGT HUNTER HARRISON

SSG LOGAN JONES  
SGT OLAJUWON LOFTON  
SGT DEVAN PETTIGREW  
SGT JAIME RUIZ  
SGT DAWSON SCHEUFELE  
SGT COREY SELF

# CLASS 001-25 GRADUATES

SGT NATHAN AGUERO  
SGT MICHAEL ANTHONY  
SGT JUSTIN ARCHER  
SGT DALE ARTHUR  
SGT AUSTIN BEETLESTONE  
SGT BAILEY BLACK GILES  
SGT ZACKERY BLANKENBECLER  
SGT JONATAHN BROWNING  
SGT PATRICK BRYANT  
SGT ANTHONY CARADORI  
SSG JAMES CARROLL  
SGT JONATHAN CASTANEDA  
SGT CHRYSOTOPHER CENKUSH  
SGT MARTIN CENTURIONALFARO  
SGT GABRIEL CHIANFRANCO  
SGT GENE CIAUDELLA  
SGT MICHAEL COLLIER  
SGT JESSE CORIA  
SGT DOMINIC COX  
SGT CODY COX  
SGT RUSHEAN CUNANAN  
SGT KALEM CUTRER  
SGT JEFFERY DANIELS  
SGT BENJAMIN DAVIS  
SGT MIGUEL DE LA CRUZ  
SGT BRENTIN DEARMOND  
SGT KEAYONNIE DEVORE  
SSG BRAD DOWDEN  
SGT WILLIAM ELLIOTT  
SGT GARRETT EWING  
SGT RYAN FERTIG  
SGT JAKELIN FREEMAN  
SGT ADAM FRISBY  
SGT ANDREW FULLER  
SGT CULLEN GASPAR  
SGT ALAN GIBBO  
SGT DANIEL GOH  
SGT JOSEPH GONZALES  
SGT RYAN GOODSSELL  
SGT COLLIN GORMAN  
SGT RENZO GUERRA  
SGT WESLEY HARPER  
SGT MICHAEL HARRIS  
SGT PATRICK HARRIS  
SGT ALEXIS HERNANDEZ  
SGT CLINTON HILL-HOLEMAN  
SGT JOSEPH HONGEL  
SGT JOSEPH HUMPHRIES  
SGT TYDARIUS IVERSON  
SGT CENTORIA JOHNSON  
SGT MERRILL JOHNSON  
SSG RICHARD JOHNSON  
SGT BENJAMIN JOHNSON  
SGT DAVID LAMARCHE  
SSG HERIBERTO LEON  
SGT MCKIMLEY LEWIS

SGT JAMES LICHON  
SGT OLAJUWON LOFTON  
SGT CARLOS LOPEZ  
SGT SKYLER MAGNUS  
SGT TYLER MANESS  
SGT MICHAEL MARTIN  
SGT MICHAEL MARTIN  
SGT JACOB MCCOTTER  
SGT DEVLIN MCFADYEN  
SGT SETH MCKENZIE  
SGT CHRISTOPHER MELENDEZMENDEZ  
SGT BOBBY MIGUEL  
SGT JOSEPH MIKOLASZUK  
SGT AUSTIN MILES  
SGT TYLER MILLER  
SGT ANTHONY MOYER  
SGT ANDREW NEWSOM  
SGT CHRISTIAN OLEARY  
SGT RIVAS OLIVARES  
SSG ALEXIS ORTIZ RIVERA  
SGT ZACHARY PAKULAK  
SGT CALEB PARSONS  
SGT KRISTOPHER PAVELSKY  
SGT CAMERON PAYNE  
SGT BATISTE PROVENCIAL  
SGT BLAKE RABDAU  
SGT ALLEN RAEI  
SGT DYLAN RAMERS  
SGT KEVIN RECTAZO  
SGT TATE RICHTER  
SGT WYATT ROGERS  
SGT ERIK ROISE  
SGT MARCUS ROMERO  
SGT KEVIN ROSENQUIST  
SGT NEKO SALAS  
SGT MICHAEL SCHAEFER  
SGT DAVID SMITH  
SGT MATTHEW SMITH  
SGT CLINTON SORAH  
SGT RYAN STAATS  
SGT COREY STONEKING  
SGT REUBEN STUBBS  
SGT SCOTT SUTTON  
SGT SHAWN TABOR  
SGT LANE THOMAS  
SGT RYAN TIERNEY  
SGT VINCENT TOLENTINO  
SGT ISSAC TORRES  
SGT ROBERTO VALDEZ RODRIGUEZ  
SGT MACAULEE VANDYKE  
SGT TAYLOR WAHRENBROCK  
SGT ALEXANDER WALT  
SGT LAMARCUS WILLIAMS  
SGT CORY WISE

# Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer

**N**o one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army". I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

**C**ompetence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

**O**fficers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!

# **THE ARMY SONG**

**March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.**

**Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.**

**We're the Army and proud of our name!**

**We're the Army and proudly proclaim:**

**First to fight for the right,**

**And to build the Nation's might,**

**And the Army goes rolling along.**

**Proud of all we have done,**

**Fighting till the battle's won,**

**And the Army goes rolling along.**

**Then it's hi! hi! hey!**

**The Army's on its way.**

**Count off the cadence loud and strong;**

**For where'er we go,**

**You will always know**

**That the Army goes rolling along.**

**A special thanks to the family and friends here to support their Soldiers and their achievements while in the Henry Caro NCO Academy.**

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