

SERGEANT MAJOR FELIPE V. PINERO JR.

SGM Pinero enlisted as a Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic in the United States Army on December 1993, in Paterson, New Jersey. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

SGM Pinero has served in a variety of leadership and career management field positions from Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic to Senior Enlisted Leader. His previous assignments include: 16th Corps Support Group, Hanau, Germany; 7th Transportation Brigade, Fort Story, Virginia; 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; 187th Ordnance BN, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 4-10 Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Area Support Group, 3rd Army, Arifjan, Kuwait; 3ABCT, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter & Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; Class 68, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; National Command and Support Element, United States Forces-Afghanistan, Bagram, Afghanistan. He currently serves as the NORAD-USNORTHCOM J4 Directorate of Logistics and Engineering, Senior Enlisted Leader and United States Army Element, Senior Enlisted Leader.

SGM Pinero deployed in support of Implementation Force (IFOR), Stabilization Force (SFOR), Kosovo Force (KFOR), Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF), Operation New Dawn (OND), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS).

His military schools and education include Noncommissioned Officer Basic, Advanced, and Senior Leaders Courses, Commander & First Sergeant Course, Military Transition Team Course, Inspector General Course, Master Resilience Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officers Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Course, and other various resident and non-resident courses. SGM Pinero holds an Associate Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts, and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Organizational Leadership from Excelsior College. The International Society of Logistics awarded SGM Pinero with the Master Logistician Certification.

SGM Pinero's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award); Army Commendation Medal (6th Award); Army Achievement Medal (5th Award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award); National Defense Service Medal (1 Service Star); Kosovo Campaign Medal (1 Service Star); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Service Star); Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Service Stars); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5); NATO Medal (4 Service Stars); Joint Meritorious Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd Award); Army Superior Unit Award (2nd Award); Combat Action Badge; Drivers Badge; Mechanics Badge; and German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency (Schützenschnur/Gold).

SGM Pinero is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club; recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe, Transportation Order of Saint Christopher, Quartermaster Order of Saint Martin, Cavalry and Armor Order of Saint George, Infantry Order of Saint Maurice, Presidents Volunteer Gold Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

SGM Pinero is married to MSgt. Megan Pinero (USAF) and they have four children.