

Sergeant Major Kristian Castro enlisted in the Army August of 1997, and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for 13B – Cannon Crewmember.

He currently serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison. His most recent operational assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 41st Field Artillery Brigade, Grafenwoehr, Germany. Sergeant Major Castro's other assignments include Command Sergeant Major of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, XVIII Airborne CORPS staff, towed, mechanized, and rocket artillery units, which include assignments in Germany, Washington State, North Carolina, Korea, Oklahoma, and Georgia.

He has deployed in support of several operations to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

His military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Jumpmaster Course, AIT Platoon Sergeant School, Basic Instructor Training, and the Master Resiliency Trainer Course.

Sergeant Major Castro's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 SOLC), Army Commendation Medal w/ "V" Device, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Canadian, Swedish, and German parachutist badges, and the German Schützenschnur (Gold). He is a recipient of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

Sergeant Major Castro is married to his wife Natasha, an active-duty Army Major and they have five children.