

SFC CHRISTOPHER R. BREVARD

**NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
ACADEMY**



**BASIC LEADERS COURSE
CLASS 006-18**

**GRADUATION CEREMONY
13 June 2018**

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SSG Beau Hall

Foxtrot Group

SSG Tatiana Mason

SSG Donald Goodlin

SSG Thuan Vo

Golf Group

SSG Johnny Cox

SSG Matthew Voshell

SSG Jeffrey Johnson

Sequence of Events

Entrance of Graduating Class

The Soldier's Creed

Class Video

History of the NCO

*Arrival of the Official Party

*National Anthem

*Invocation

Guest Speaker

Presentation of Awards and Diplomas

(Please join the graduates as they recite the NCO Creed,
Arctic Warrior March and the Army Song)

The NCO Creed

*Arctic Warrior March

*Army Song

*Departure of the Official Party

* Please stand during these events.

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MEMORANDUM FOR The Graduating Students - BLC Class 006-18

SUBJECT: Graduation Congratulations

1. To each of you, we extend our personal congratulations and a job "well done" on completing a professionally challenging and rewarding course. You have upheld the high standards of educational excellence established by your predecessors and have earned the right to join the growing number of Basic Leader's Course graduates.
2. A greater challenge awaits as you return to your units. You now better understand the responsibilities required of your duty position. Expectations for success in the performance of your duties have dramatically increased. Your peers, subordinates, and superiors expect a better informed and more self-confident leader. They will closely observe you as the model of character and competency. The knowledge and skills acquired and refined here will serve you well. You have the tools to be successful! Therefore, we challenge you to practice what you have learned by taking care of our most valued commodity, our Soldiers.
3. Again, we extend our personal congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Johnny D. Provost
JOHNNY D. PROVOST
CSM, USA
Commandant

**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
CHRISTOPHER R. BREVARD**



SFC Christopher R. Brevard of Wasilla, Alaska was born on October 17, 1975 in St Louis, MO. He is a graduate of Diamond High School in Anchorage, AK, Central Texas College, and the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Deer Valley, AZ.

SFC Brevard entered the Army on December 14th, 1992 in Anchorage, AK. From 1992-1994 he was assigned to the 813th Engineer Battalion Reserves as an 88M, a position he affectionately referred to as being “just a Truck Driver”. From 1994-1997 SFC Brevard was assigned to D Co, 46th Support Battalion at Fort Richardson, AK. From 1998-2001 he was assigned to the 84th Chemical Battalion at Fort Leonardwood, MO. In October 2001, he was assigned to 1-501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) at Fort Richardson, AK and reclassified from 88M to 11B. From February 2003 to February 2005 SFC Brevard was an NCO Academy Instructor at Ft. Richardson, AK. From February 2005, he held the position of Weapons Squad Leader for 2nd Platoon, Alpha Co, 1-501st PIR, Fort Richardson

SFC Brevard’s awards, decorations, and accomplishments include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal with two Knots, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 2, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air assault Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge, and Drivers Badge. SFC Brevard was an Honor Graduate of the US Army Ranger School.

SFC Brevard's hobbies include skydiving, motorcycles, baseball and camping. He was an avid snow-machiner and 4-wheeler.

SFC Brevard was killed in action on March 16, 2007 in Jurf as Sukr, Iraq by an IED. He is survived by his wife, Amber, his daughters Emily and Jessica, and his parents Christopher and Michelle Brevard.

On 12 September 2008 an honor ceremony was held officially renaming the former Fort Richardson NCO Academy to the SFC Christopher R. Brevard NCO Academy

Commandant CSM Johnny D. Provost



Command Sergeant Major Johnny D. Provost is a Native of Maysville, North Carolina. He enlisted in the Army in July of 1993. He completed basic training and 27D (paralegal specialist) AIT at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Command Sergeant Major Provost's previous assignments and duty positions include 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; 2d Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; NCOIC, Brigade Legal Office, 5th Recruiting Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; NCOIC Legal Operations, I Corps JAG Office, Fort Lewis, Washington; Senior Instructor/Developer, 27D AIT, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; NCOIC Brigade Legal office & Platoon Sergeant 66th M.I. Group, Darmstadt Germany; NCOIC, Criminal Law, Multi-National Corps – Iraq; NCOIC and Platoon Sergeant, Patton Law Center, Heidelberg, Germany; Senior Paralegal NCO Fort Gordon, Georgia; Command Paralegal NCO, 2d Infantry Division, Korea; First Sergeant JAG School and Officer's Basic Course, Charlottesville, Virginia; Command Paralegal NCO 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Regional Command East; Command Sergeant Major Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion and Task Force Gladiator, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Monrovia, Liberia, and Baghdad, Iraq.

Command Sergeant Major Provost's military and civilian education includes all levels of NCOES, to include USASMA Class 62; Air Assault School, Basic Instructors Training, Army Retention Course. CSM Provost has also completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Command Sergeant Major Provost's awards and decorations include; the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. CSM Provost is also a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

He and his wife Melissa have been married for over 17 years.

Guest Speaker

1SG Brian Creed



First Sergeant Creed enlisted in the United States Marine Corps January 1999, upon the honorable completion of his four year tour, he then enlisted in the United States Army in June 2004 as a 91B.

Throughout his career he has held numerous leadership positions ranging from Fire Team Leader, Squad Leader, Quality Control NCOIC, Platoon Sergeant, Recovery NCOIC, Shop Foreman, Motor Sergeant, Small Group and Senior Small Group Leader, Recruiter, Special Operations Recruiter, and First Sergeant. First Sergeant Creed has participated in two forward deployment operations, one in Okinawa, Japan and Rota, Spain. His combat deployments include: Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2005; Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2009; and Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.

First Sergeant Creed has been assigned to the following units: 7th Communications Battalion; 2nd Recon Battalion; 57th Signal Battalion; 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion; NCO Academy, Hawaii; Columbus Recruiting Company; Special Forces Recruiting Team; Student at JFK SWCS; H Co, 2-504 PIR, 1st BCT; and currently assigned as the First Sergeant of A Co, 725 BSB, 4th BCT.

He successful graduate of the Marine Corps Basic Automotive Course; Advanced Automotive Course; Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (Grey Belt); and the Marine Corps Jungle Warfare School. PLDC (Honor Graduate); BNCOC (Honor Graduate); ANCOIC; Commanders Total Fitness Trainer Course; Armored Security Total Army Instructor Trainer Course; Small Group Instructor Trainer Course; Observer Controller Trainer Course; Army Recruiting School; Basic Airborne Course; Civil Affairs Assessment and Selection; Special Operations Language Training Course (French); the Cold Weather Orientation Course; Master Resiliency Trainer Course; and the Tactical Information Operations Planner Course.

His awards and decorations include: Airborne Badge; Army Recruiting Badge; Expert Rifleman's Badge; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Bronze Star Medal; ARCOM (4 OLC); AAM (2 OLC); Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award); Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal (Bronze Star); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3) and the Navy Sea-Service Deployment Ribbon.

First Sergeant Creed is married and has one child, both of whom live in Fort Sam Houston, TX. He has an Associates and Bachelors in Sociology from American Military University and is scheduled to graduate with his Masters on July 22nd, 2018.

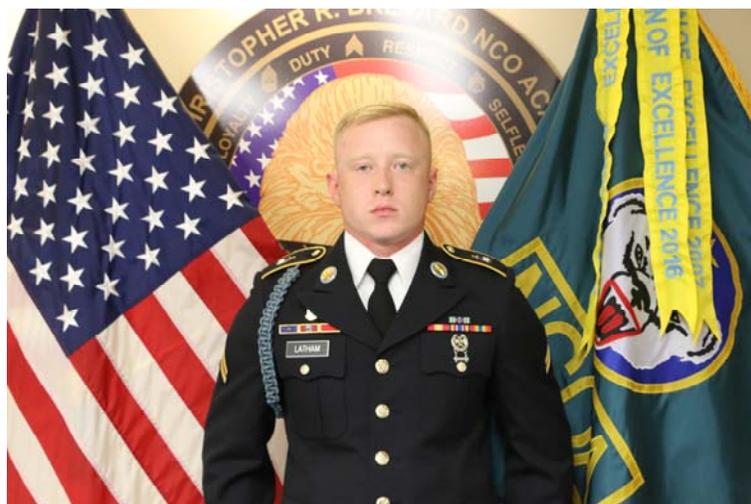
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SPC PHILIP M. ALVARADO D-25 GRAY EAGLE



1SG JENNIFER L. MYERS DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

CPL JACOB K. LATHAM HHC, 3-21 IN



HIGHEST APFT AWARD

SPC GEORGE AVERITT C CO, 1-24 IN

AND

CPL JIACHENG ZHENG B CO, 1-501ST ABN



1SG JENNIFER L. MYERS (RET)



First Sergeant Jennifer L. Myers is from Cape Coral, FL and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1996, attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. McClellan, AL and earned the MOS of Military Police. During her career, 1SG Myers has worked in a variety of positions to include: Military Policeman, Team Leader, Military Police Investigator, Special Reaction Team Marksman/Observer, Squad Leader, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Small Group Leader, Instructor, and Company and Battalion level Operations Sergeant.

1SG Myers has served with Center MP CO, Ft. Bliss, TX; 560th MP CO, Stuttgart, Germany; 17th MP Det, Ft. Jackson, SC; A CO 2/39 IN Regt, Ft. Jackson, SC; 8th Army NCOA, Camp Jackson, South Korea; 593rd STB, Ft. Lewis, WA, 571st MP CO, Ft. Lewis, WA, 793d MP BN, JBER, AK, and A CO, WTB, SFC Christopher R. Brevard NCO Academy, JBER, AK.

1SG Myers' military schools include the Warrior Leaders Course, Special Reaction Team Marksman/Observer Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Drill Sergeant School, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Instructor Trainer Course, Senior Leaders Course, First Sergeants Course, and the Commandant's Pre-Command Course. 1SG Myers holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from the University of South Florida and is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts program for Emergency and Disaster Management at American Military University.

1SG Myers' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Korean National Defense Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and the German Marksmanship Badge (Bronze). 1SG Myers is also a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

In honor of the great leadership that 1SG Myers displayed, the former distinguished leadership award will now be named the 1SG Jennifer L. Myers Distinguished Leadership Award, effective November 11, 2014.

COMMANDANT'S LIST

SPC	PHILIP M. ALVARADO	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
SPC	BRITTANY K. WHIPPO	MEDDAC-AK
SPC	MARK A. GAJDOS	D CO, 1-52 AVN
CPL	ZACHARY BURDETT-BLOOD	HHT, 1-40TH CAV
SPC	JACOB J. SWEAT	A TRP, 5-1 CAV
CPL	BRENDAN T. WHITE	HHC, 3-21 IN
SPC	TRAVIS W. BRIXIUS	716TH EOD, 725 BSB
SGT	JASON M. WALL	FOX (FSC), 2-377 PFAR
CPL	JAMES DANIELMARTINEZ	D CO, 1-501ST ABN
SPC	JOSHUA B. GENTRY	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
SPC	BASTIAN D. AINSLEY	95TH CM, 17TH CSSB
SPC	JOHN C. PIPOY	95TH CM, 17TH CSSB
SPC	JOSHUA J. BUTTERFIELD	D CO, 1-501ST ABN
SPC	TYLER HALE	109TH TC, 17TH CSSB
CPL	MICHAEL T. KITCHENS	B BTRY, 2-8 FA
SPC	TEVON S. WHITAKER	547TH CSC, 17TH CSSB
SPC	JONATHAN J. VELAZQUEZ	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
CPL	JIACHENG ZHENG	B CO, 1-501ST ABN

The selection of the Commandants list is based on the top 20% of the class who exceeded course standards by receiving first time “GOs” on all graduation requirements while achieving a superior rating in at least three of the four rated areas on their Academic Evaluation Report.

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE

SSG TATIANA B. MASON



Charlie Group

SPC	RICHARD T. KIRTLEY	A CO, 1-24 IN
SPC	SAMANTHA A. FRALEY	H CO, BSB 1-24 IN
SPC	COREY M. SEGUIN	HHB, 2-8 FA
SPC	YIMIAN PEREZ	A TRP, 5-1 CAV
SPC	JACOB D. DRABEK	B CO, 1-52 AVN
CPL	JAMES DANIELMARTINEZ	D CO, 1-501ST ABN
SPC	DEVONATA SCOTT	E CO, 1-25 ARB
SPC	DERREK PANTELLI	D CO, 70TH BEB
SPC	GARRETT H. BALL	D CO, 1-52 AVN
CPL	Jiacheng Zheng	B CO, 1-501ST ABN
SGT	JASON M. WALL	FOX (FSC), 2-377 PFAR
SPC	FABIANA MOBLEY	103RD CST (WMD)
SPC	PHILIP M. ALVARADO	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
SPC	ALEXANDER N. UESUGI	HHT, 1-40TH CAV
CPL	ANDY G. NAVAS	A CO, 725 BSB
SPC	DANIEL E. GUTIERREZ	B CO, 3-509TH ABN
SPC	MARCO F. GONZALEZ	109TH TC, 17TH CSSB

Delta Group

CPL	ANDREW J. CARPENTER	A CO, 1-5 IN
SPC	JOSHUA B. GENTRY	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
SPC	BRENDA I. CORTEZ	H CO, BSB 1-24 IN
SPC	DAMARRIE T. DUKES	G CO, BSB 1-5 IN
SPC	BASTIAN D. AINSLEY	95TH CM, 17TH CSSB
SPC	TEVON S. WHITAKER	547TH CSC, 17TH CSSB
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CPL	BRIAN MARTINEZ	B BTRY, 2-8 FA
CPL	RACHEL C. RINCON	A CO, 725 BSB
SPC	JAMES A. REYES	E CO, 1-25 ARB
CPL	MATTHEW R. DEHN	HHC, 1-5 IN

Echo Group

CPL	MATTHEW J. DOYLE	A CO, 1-24 IN
SPC	SAMUEL M. JONES	E CO, 1-25 ARB
CPL	ELIER DIAZ	2-377 PFAR
SPC	TAVARUS K LOUIS	B CO, 6TH BEB
SPC	LOURDES MARY MENDOZA	539TH CTC, 17TH CSSB
SPC	GEORGE AVERITT	C CO, 1-24 IN
SPC	JONATHAN J. VELAZQUEZ	D-25 GRAY EAGLE
SPC	JOHN C. PIPOY	95TH CM, 17TH CSSB
SPC	SHAQUILLE EDWARDS	HHT, 5-1 CAV
SPC	TREONCA A. SAMUEL	E CO, 1-25 ARB
CPL	JORDAN W. SCHMIDT	B BTRY, 2-8 FA
CPL	BRANDEN E. CORREY	A CO, 725 BSB
SPC	JONATHAN E. MILLER	D CO, 1-52 AVN
SPC	BENJAMIN J. ZALEWSKI	HHC, 725 BSB
CPL	DUSTIN S. KEITH	HHC, 1-52 AVN GSAB
SPC	CHRISTIAN J. HUCKINS	B CO, 1-24 IN

Foxtrot Group

CPL	ALEX AGUILAR	A CO, 1-24 IN
CPL	AMANDA B. HAMLIN	A CO, 725 BSB
SPC	TANNER C. ROSE	B CO, 1-25 ARB
SPC	TYLER HALE	109TH TC, 17TH CSSB
SPC	KEITH A. DAWSON	B CO, 725 BSB
CPL	JACOB K. LATHAM	HHC, 3-21 IN
SPC	SANJAY BIMALI	MEDDAC-AK
SPC	ANDREW J. ROSS	98TH MAINT, 17TH CSSB
SPC	YEISON D GUTIERREZ	HHC BDE, 4-25
SPC	CODY M. CARBAUGH	HHB, 2-377 PFAR
SPC	ROBIN RIVERA-VAZQUEZ	J CO, BSB 3-21 IN
SPC	ZACHARY M. KRETSCH	A TRP, 5-1 CAV
CPL	MICHAEL T. KITCHENS	B BTRY, 2-8 FA
CPL	JOSELUIS PRADO	A CO, 1-5 IN
SPC	TAYLOR F. BOWDEN	HHC BDE, 1-25 IN
SPC	VICTORIA P. MCCLIN	539TH CTC, 17TH CSSB
SPC	LAMONT ROBINSON	B CO, 1-501ST ABN

Golf Group

CPL	WILLIAM C. RICHEY	A CO, 1-5 IN
SPC	TREYVON D. JOHNSON	E CO, 1-25 ARB
SPC	KEVIN L. WILLIAMS	D CO, 1-52 AVN
CPL	EVELIN A. PORRAS	A CO, 725 BSB
SPC	KYLE R. MCGUIGAN	HHB, 2-377 PFAR
SPC	JACOB J. SWEAT	A TRP, 5-1 CAV
SPC	RHIDAYA WAGLEY	G CO, BSB 1-5 IN
CPL	JOSHUA S. SNELL	C CO, 1-5 IN
SPC	ADRIAN A. ANTUNEZ	C TRP, 5-1 CAV
SPC	BRITTANY K. WHIPPO	MEDDAC-AK
CPL	JUANCARLOS DORAME	B BTRY, 2-8 FA
SPC	MATTHEW J KREN	HHC BDE, 4-25
CPL	SHAWN P. CONRAD	HHC, 1-24 IN
SPC	EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ	HHC, 25TH BSB
SPC	MARK A. GAJDOS	D CO, 1-52 AVN
CPL	ZACHARY BURDETT-BLOOD	HHT, 1-40TH CAV
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SPC	TRAVIS W. BRIXIUS	716TH EOD, 725 BSB

The Creed of The Noncommissioned Officer

No 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 the 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.

Competence 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.

Officers 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 History of the SFC Christopher R. Brevard NCO Academy

On July 1st, 1973 the United States Army Alaska Noncommissioned Officer Academy was established under the command of CSM Spangler, the first enlisted Commandant in Alaska. In the early years only Soldiers in the combat arm's MOS's attended. Much of the training focused on warfighting tactics and minimal garrison leadership training.

In 1975, the academy was selected to teach the Primary Noncommissioned Officers Course (PNCOC), the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course (BNCOC), and the Advances Noncommissioned Officers Course (ANCOC).

In 1977, the Army realized the need for combat support Soldiers to receive leadership training and all academies throughout the army adopted the new Primary Leadership Course (PLC). This course, not much different from PNCOC, centered on subjects such as communication skills, motivation of subordinates, leadership styles, keeping seniors and subordinates informed, making recommendations for awards and disciplinary action, counseling sessions.

In 1980, the United States Sergeants Major Academy gained the responsibility for development of all common core lessons that were to become the future Noncommissioned Officer Education System. This sparked the combining of PNCOC and PLC into one, with the implementation by the end of 1985. The academy began teaching the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) in November 1985. The objective was to return Soldiers to their units with the knowledge that would assist them to be technically and tactical proficient, make sound decisions, plan correctly, follow the Army professional ethics, communicate effectively, apply Soldier-team development and lead and train their subordinates in a "go to war" atmosphere.

In 2005, the Warrior Leader Course was morphed into a course based on today's contemporary operations environment and used to reinforce all small unit tactics, techniques and procedures. The course incorporated recent lessons learned, the 11 Battle Drills, 40 Warrior Tasks with the inclusion of weapons immersion in a 96 hour Situational Training Exercise. The WLC course was designed to provide the Army with a leader who can visualize, describe, and execute squad level operation in varied environments.

In 2016 the Warrior Leader Course was changed to the Basic Leaders Course for Noncommissioned Officer Academies to develop agile, adaptive, and resilient leaders capable of meeting the challenges of unified land operations in an era of persistent conflict by educating junior NCOs in leadership and war fighting, as well as individual and team training.

In 2007, 2013 and 2016 the Academy earned the "Institution of Excellence" rating from the United States Sergeants Major Academy and TRADOC.

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