



***First Sergeant John Arellano – First Sergeant, HHC,
54th Engineer Battalion***

First Sergeant John P. Arellano was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on 23 August 1968. He enlisted in the United States Army in July 1989 from his hometown of Miami, Florida. Shortly after graduating from high school, he completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and was awarded the 21B Military Occupational Specialty (Combat Engineer).

First Sergeant Arellano has served in numerous leadership and staff positions as a Non-commissioned Officer to include: Team Leader, 23rd Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg Germany; Squad Leader, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Platoon Sergeant, 173rd Combat Support Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy; Police Mentor Team NCOIC, Regional Police Advisory Command - West, 1st Infantry Brigade, Badghis Province, Afghanistan; Installation Equal Opportunity Advisor for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. First Sergeant Arellano is currently serving as First Sergeant for HHC, 54th Engineer Battalion.

First Sergeant Arellano's Military and Civilian Education include: the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Engineer Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Engineer Advance Advanced Non-commissioned, Airborne School, Sapper Leader Course, Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, and numerous other functional and professional courses. Master Sergeant Arellano has an Associate's Degree from Grantham University and is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the Grantham University.

First Sergeant Arellano's Awards and Decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (1 BSS), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 BSS), Kosovo Campaign Medal (1 BSS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (1 AD), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), NATO Medal (1 BSS), Kuwait Liberation Medal - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait, and Meritorious Unit Commendation. Master Sergeant Arellano has also earned the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge (1 BSS), Italian Parachutist Badge, and the Sapper Tab.