

Major Jason (Jay) Velasco

Field Artillery

MAJ (RET) Jay Velasco is a native of Tucson, Arizona, and enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in December of 1996. He attended Split Option Basic and Advanced Individual Training as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Economics.

In his 27 years of service, MAJ Velasco has served with 1/112 IN BN (PANG), 4th Infantry Division, 3-16FA, 2-77FA, 1st Infantry Division, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, 2-11FA, USARCENT, 817 EASOS (Afghanistan), 1st Armored Division, 2-3FA, 5th Armored Brigade (AC/RC), and The Citadel Army ROTC. He has served as a Platoon Leader, Commander, XO, S3, and Acting Battalion Commander as a Field Artillery Officer.

MAJ Velasco's military education includes all levels of the Officer Education System thru Intermediate Level Education (ILE). He is a graduate of Airborne School and has taken multiple functional targeting courses as a targeting officer.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 Silver OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), and the Meritorious Unit Citation. He has earned the Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

MAJ Velasco has been married for fifteen years to his wife, Sara (formerly Beal) Velasco, and has two children, Morgan (24) and Sydney (22). Additionally, he has one granddaughter, Nevaeh (4). His hobbies include running, CrossFit, and adventuring with his granddaughter.