

CAPTAIN JOSEPH E. FEIFER

2016 Recipient

LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence



Joseph E. Feifer was commissioned as an Infantry officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps after graduation from the University of San Francisco in 2008. Following his completion of the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course and the US Army Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), as a Battalion Assistant S3. He then deployed to Kunar Province, Afghanistan, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XI from May 2010 to April 2011.

After completing the Military Intelligence Officer Transition Course and the Captain's Career Course in December 2012, CPT Feifer was assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, as the Brigade S2X

and Assistant S2. He finished a yearlong Global Response Force (GRF) rotation in November 2014 and was selected to serve as Commander of the Military Intelligence Company (MICO), 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne). On short notice, he deployed his company to Iraq in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE from January to September 2015.

CPT Feifer's Soldiers constituted the primary workforce within the Panther Brigade Intelligence Support Element and SIGINT Support Element at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, as well as providing Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) support in Al Anbar province, and all conventional counterintelligence and human intelligence in Iraq. CPT Feifer enhanced the intelligence support capability of his company by advising the brigade's Senior Intelligence Officer on the strategic placement of his Soldiers throughout the battlefield. As a result, his Paratroopers were deployed to six geographically separated locations across the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE Area of Responsibility (AOR), as well as an analytical cell in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Assuming the dual mantles of Assistant Brigade Combat Team S2 and Lead Intelligence Planner, CPT Feifer orchestrated the Brigade's intelligence production cycle. He directly contributed to the inception of the Brigade Social Media Analysis and Exploitation Cell and the production of over 200 daily intelligence updates socialized with the broader Intelligence Community and Commanders across the AOR. CPT Feifer's UAS Platoon provided more than 5,000 hours of near-real time full motion video

coverage in 580 sorties over two provinces and was the first to conduct simultaneous target designation for multiple target engagements. CPT Feifer's expertise in fusing human, signals, geospatial, and open source intelligence generated a holistic view of the operational environment that fundamentally informed strategic decision-making processes and shaped US foreign policy.