

CAPTAIN GILBERT JUAREZ
2012 Recipient

LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence



Following his graduation from the University of Texas in San Antonio with a Bachelors degree in Political Science, Gilbert Juarez was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. After attending the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to 1-82 Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in August 2004. He then deployed to Camp Cuervo, Iraq where he served as a Platoon Leader and Information Operations Officer in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) II. He later served as the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion S4. CPT Juarez was then selected as the executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Brigade Combat Team, where he deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq in support of OIF

06-08. After being promoted and serving a year in the position, he transitioned to his primary branch, as an Intelligence Officer. CPT Juarez served as the Brigade S2 Targeting Officer during the 15-month surge. After completing the MI Captains Career Course, CPT Juarez was assigned to the 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood Texas, as the S2 in April 2008. CPT Juarez deployed to Camp Cropper, Iraq in support of OIF 09-10. After redeployment, he was assigned to the 303rd MI Battalion, 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BfSB) as the Battalion Assistant S3.

In 2011, CPT Juarez deployed to Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was the commander of Charlie Company, 303rd MI Battalion, 504th BfSB. This multi-discipline company consisted of 18 teams spread across 12 locations in Regional Command (RC) East, a 14,000 square mile area. His company's support of tactical level operations enabled maneuver commanders from company to brigade levels to achieve both lethal and non-lethal objectives in this diverse and challenging operational environment.

As a leader, CPT Juarez's innate ability to empower his junior leaders and Soldiers helped him build the strongest intelligence teams in the 303rd MI Battalion. He traveled

often to check on the health and welfare of his Soldiers and to promote, re-enlist, and reward Soldiers for their outstanding performance in combat.

As an innovator, CPT Juarez set the bar throughout RC East. His interrogation teams and Human Intelligence Collection Teams were the first to incorporate new 3D software which led to an immediate increase in high confidence locations of enemy activity. He was also the first in the battalion to establish training meetings while deployed, ensuring his Intelligence Soldiers and teams were the best trained in RC East with the most relevant and current collection techniques available to them and the supported units.

As a technical and tactical expert, CPT Juarez maintained persistent communication with supported units and intelligence agencies to ensure his teams met the commander's intent and that collection capabilities were in the right place at the right time. His relentless pursuit of excellence ensured that intelligence gaps were identified and filled and that his teams were constantly in search of intelligence to drive operations.

Finally, as an advisor, CPT Juarez worked closely with the Brigade Combat Team's staff and leadership to ensure the MI Company's capabilities were fully understood and effectively employed.

In his nomination of Captain Juarez for this award, LTC Todd Berry concluded, "Gil is the best Captain with whom I have served in 19+ years as a Military Intelligence Officer and he is definitely a future leader of our MI Corps." CPT Juarez serves as an extraordinary role model for MI Soldiers and a future generation of Army leaders. He is a tribute to the legacy of LTG Sidney Weinstein.