

# Awards

## For Excellence in Military Intelligence

Due to the coronavirus disease 2019 restrictions in June 2020, the awards ceremony for the 2020 MI Corps Awards was postponed. Conditions permitting, the following four awardees will be honored during a combined 2020/2021 awards ceremony currently planned for 25 June 2021.

### **Captain Kevin N. Hoerold** **2020 Recipient of the** **Lieutenant General Sidney T. Weinstein Award** **For Excellence in Military Intelligence**

*The Military Intelligence (MI) Corps created the Lieutenant General Sidney T. Weinstein Award in 2007 to honor the accomplishments of the “Father of Modern Military Intelligence.” LTG Weinstein was not only a fine officer; he was a mentor, a role model, a friend to many, and a dedicated family man. This award is given annually to one MI captain who, through his or her actions, demonstrates the values and ideals for which LTG Weinstein stood: Duty, Honor, and Country.*



CPT Kevin Hoerold graduated from Norwich University in 2013 as a distinguished military graduate and received a commission as a second lieutenant in military intelligence (MI). After completing the MI Basic Officer Leader Course, he was assigned as the assistant intelligence officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry (Airborne), 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (A), at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy. In 2014, he participated in the initial deployment of United States forces to the Baltic States, serving as the senior intelligence officer in Latvia.

From 2015 to 2017, CPT Hoerold served as assistant intelligence officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. Deploying twice as a senior targeting officer in a joint special operations task force, he enabled direct action raids and other kinetic operations across Afghanistan. His efforts and results were recognized by the highest levels of the national security apparatus, prompting his selection for immediate continued service in the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment.

After graduating from the MI Captains Career Course in 2018, CPT Hoerold was assigned as the senior intelligence officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. On his third deployment to Afghanistan, he served as J-2 for a joint special operations task force. His efforts culminated in the collapse of an Islamic State contingent in western Afghanistan and the removal of the most senior members of ISIS in the Khorasan Region.

On his fourth and fifth combat deployments to Afghanistan, CPT Hoerold led a team of more than 100 joint and inter-agency partners to directly enable the removal of more than 1,600 enemy combatants and dozens of high-value individuals. Most significantly, his ability to lead his joint intelligence team, while incorporating international partner agencies, resulted in the mitigation of multiple threats to the United States. He built a network that enabled cross-agency communication and provided the cornerstone for the U.S. Government as it managed peace negotiations with the Taliban.

CPT Hoerold is currently the MI company commander in the Regimental Military Intelligence Battalion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment.

CPT Hoerold's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with "C" Device, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab. 

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## Chief Warrant Officer 2 Evan Beeson 2020 Recipient of the Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rex Williams Award For Excellence in Military Intelligence

*The Military Intelligence (MI) Corps established the Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rex Williams Award in 2016 to recognize the outstanding achievements of a company grade warrant officer (WO1-CW2) within the MI community. This award is named in honor of an icon in MI, who spent his 31-year military career improving training, mentoring countless Soldiers, and helping define the foundations of intelligence analysis. CW5 Williams also served as the first Chief Warrant Officer of the MI Corps.*



CW2 Evan Beeson is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. In 2002, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a military occupational specialty (MOS) 96R (Ground Surveillance Systems Operator). Five years later, he reclassified to MOS 33W (now 35T) (Military Intelligence [MI] Systems Maintainer and Integrator). As a staff sergeant, he led the 719<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion to win the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence for fiscal year 2012.

In 2014, SSG Beeson was appointed to the rank of warrant officer as a MOS 353T (MI Systems Maintenance and Integration Technician). The following year, he was assigned to the 303<sup>rd</sup> MI Battalion and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support where he was the primary Intelligence and Electronic Warfare (IEW) technician for Task Force Observe, Detect, Identify, and Neutralize (ODIN). His duties included signals intelligence prime mission equipment readiness for three RC-12X Guardrail Common Sensor (GRCS) aircraft, nine associated Datalink antennas, and three Operational Ground Station (OGS) data transport systems on three sites manned by eight MOS 35T personnel. Despite having no formal OGS architecture training, he enabled Task Force ODIN to conduct its first multi-aircraft Communications High Accuracy Airborne Location System sorties in Afghanistan and the first airborne relay sorties in 5 years. He was also instrumental in deploying the Remote Tactical Common Datalink relay at Forward Operating Base

Lightning, increasing GRCS theater coverage by 20 percent and enabling more than 200 aerial missions that provided critical signals intelligence support to a new region.

After an assignment with the 163<sup>rd</sup> MI Battalion, CW2 Beeson became the IEW maintenance technician for the 297<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 513<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade (Theater), in June 2019. He has servicing responsibility for more than 400 Distributed Common Ground System components and collection sensors spread through the Army Central Command area of responsibility. He created the brigade's first IEW Sustained Readiness Model training initiative and fully integrated the Global Combat Support System (GCSS) into IEW sustainment efforts. His initiative significantly increased awareness, decreased misinformation regarding system readiness, and provided instant feedback to commanders. He trained 18 MOS 35Ts in his section on GCSS and its integration with sustainment and logistics channels to enable unity of effort. A graduate of the Digital Intelligence Systems Master Gunner (DISMG) Course, he also serves as a DISMG instructor.

CW2 Beeson's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), numerous service ribbons, two NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Knowlton Award. ✨

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## Sergeant Antatenique Avila 2020 Recipient of the Command Sergeant Major Doug Russell Award For Excellence in Military Intelligence

*The Command Sergeant Major Doug Russell Award was created in 2001 in honor of an esteemed noncommissioned officer (NCO) who personified the integrity, moral courage, and loyalty espoused in the NCO Creed. CSM Russell served in uniform for 32 years, followed by 14 years as the Director of NCO and Enlisted Affairs, Director of Retiree Activities in the Association of the U.S. Army, and President of the American Military Society. The award is presented annually to an outstanding Soldier in the rank of sergeant or below, who has made a significant contribution to the Military Intelligence Corps.*



SGT Antatenique Avila was born and raised in Leadville, Colorado, where she graduated from Battle Mountain High School in 2012. She received two bachelor of arts degrees, in English and in psychology, from Colorado State University-Pueblo in 2016. Shortly after graduating, she enlisted in the U.S. Army as a military occupational specialty (MOS) 35N (Signals Intelligence [SIGINT] Analyst). Following basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, she completed 6 months of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. During AIT, she volunteered for Airborne School and earned her Parachutist Badge. In September 2017, she was assigned to Delta Company, 307<sup>th</sup> Airborne Engineer Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After receiving her promotion status in October 2018, Avila attended the Basic Leader Course, during which time she competed in the Iron Warrior Competition. She also supported three battalion-level and one brigade-level joint forcible entry operations and was the first para-trooper in U.S. Forces Command to conduct a static-line jump with the new HPACK SIGINT system and rucksack, both weighing more than 70 pounds. SGT Avila's efforts were instrumental in developing the standard operating procedure for HPACK airborne employment. In January 2019, she began an intense and demanding series of MOS training, completing 10 SIGINT courses in just over 6 months. This training prepared her and her platoon for their deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan. She was promoted to sergeant in June 2019, 4 months before her 3-year time-in-service mark.

In Afghanistan, SGT Avila serves as the noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) for SIGINT operations for 5-73 Cavalry Squadron Task Force Panther Recon at Camp Dwyer and as a senior cryptologic analyst in the Train, Advise, Assist Command-South. She also oversees the daily duties of eight contracted linguists. As a threat reporting analyst, she analyzed thousands of lines of analytical data in support of collection and analysis priorities, enabling the CJ2 SIGINT section to successfully execute more kinetic strikes in 4 months than the previous leadership executed in 18 months. Her efforts led to the removal of 10 high-value individuals, the dissemination of threat indicators and warnings, and the creation of hundreds of target development packets. Additionally, as a Level II Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) NCOIC, SGT Avila helped instruct and certify more than 115 graders and officers in charge/NCOICs downrange, preparing all Army units throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan for the implementation of the new ACFT in fiscal year 2021.

SGT Avila's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Certificates of Appreciation, and Parachutist Badge. She is pursuing a civilian master of professional studies in cybersecurity analytics and operations. 🌟

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## Mr. William J. Grimshaw 2020 Recipient of the Ms. Dorothe K. Matlack Award For Excellence in Military Intelligence

*In 2018, the Military Intelligence (MI) Corps established the Ms. Dorothe K. Matlack Award to honor a Department of the Army Civilian (GG-9—GG-12) who has made a significant contribution to MI within the previous three years. The Matlack Award is named for one of MI's early pioneers and champions of Army human intelligence efforts. Dorothe Matlack started her career in 1948 as a GS-2 File Clerk and retired in 1975 after serving 27 years in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence.*



**M**r. William Grimshaw enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2003 as an all-source intelligence analyst. He began supporting U.S. Army counterintelligence in 2004 as a contracted all-source analyst and joined the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) as a Department of Army Civilian counterintelligence special agent in 2006. He served as an analyst, staff officer, and project officer for strategic projects and deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 in support of the International Security Assistance Force.

Mr. Grimshaw joined the 310<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion in October 2015 and served in roles of progressive responsibility, including team leader, branch chief, and operations officer. He was responsible for teams comprised of Soldiers, Civilians, and contractor staff of diverse backgrounds and expertise, conducting counterintelligence collection and reporting in support of priority Army, Department of Defense (DoD), and intelligence community requirements. His teams' reporting made significant contributions to the force protection of Army and DoD personnel in contingency areas and the protection of sensitive Army information, personnel, systems, and facilities worldwide and generated positive feedback from all echelons of DoD.

Mr. Grimshaw recently concluded 19 months of service as Director of Operations for an office conducting counterintelligence collection and reporting. In addition to maintaining daily operations supporting the Army and a wide range of combatant commands and defense agencies, he provided the technical expertise that enabled a transformation of the organization to meet the vision of the INSCOM commanding general and drive new capabilities on behalf of the U.S. Army. Mr. Grimshaw oversaw the successful planning, staffing, and initial implementation of new mission authorities, task organization, specialized equipment, and personnel. He maintained continuity of operations and leadership through a period of substantial personnel turnover and navigated the organization through significant areas of lacking or outdated policy guidance. He recently reported to his next assignment with the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G-2.

Mr. Grimshaw successfully completed advanced government and commercial intelligence, counterintelligence, management, and information security training courses. The DoD and the former National Counterintelligence Executive recognized him for his individual and team achievements. He holds a bachelor of science in foreign service from Georgetown University. ✨