CPT Christopher O. Beal enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard in 1997 and completed Basic and the Advance Individual Training as a Combat Engineer. He was commissioned an United States Engineer Officer at Prairie View A&M University with a B.S. in Environmental Science. Upon completion of the Engineer Basic Course he was assigned to 887th Light Engineer Company, 326th Engineer Battalion, Ft Campbell, Kentucky and served as a Light Equipment Platoon Leader. His next assignment was with the 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division serving as a Support Platoon Leader, Sewer, Water, Electric, Trash Project OIC for Baghdad, and the BN Assistant S3.

CPT Beal’s military education includes the Combat Engineer Basic and AIT Course, Engineer Officer Basic Course, and the Sapper Leader Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; U.S. Army Airborne Course, Ft. Benning, Georgia; and the U.S. Army Air Assault School, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.
CPT Beal’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Overseas Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

“Respect All But Fear None”

COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT

1SG GREGORY D. WILLIAMS

1SG Gregory D. Williams hails from Buena Vista, Georgia. He entered the U.S. Army on 10 December 1991. He graduated Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Advance Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (General Engineering Training). 1SG Williams’ previous assignments includes B Company 62nd Engineer Battalion (C) (H) Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Shreveport, Louisiana Recruiting Station (New Orleans Recruiting Battalion, 5th Brigade); 10th Area Support Group, Okinawa, Japan (1st Special Forces Group, Support); B Company 46th Engineer Battalion (C) (H) Fort Rucker, Alabama; HQ, 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade (Arctic Warriors) Fort Richardson, Alaska.

His military and civilian education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer’s Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer’s Course, Basic Recruiter Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer’s Course (Class 4-06); Army Instructor's Course and Combatives Course. He holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Business Management from Trinity University (Non-Traditional Studies) and 83 Semester Hours towards a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration University of Alaska, Anchorage (Traditional Studies).

His awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award) Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCOPD Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), United Nation Medal, NATO Medal, Gold Recruiter Badge.
Interesting Facts

1969 – First year of the U.S. Naval Flight Indoctrination Program at Prairie View A&M College. Five Midshipmen attended the ground school and flight training.

Within weeks, all of the participants flew their first solo flights at Hooks Memorial Airport in Tomball, Texas.

1970 - First class commissioned (The GOLDEN THIRTEEN): Marvin Bell (deceased), Ollie Buckner, David Brewer, James Ealy, Isaac Gouldsby, Moses Hadnot, Ronald Hall, Kenneth Hinson, Harvey Mattix, David Mosby, Niley Rosemond, James Turner, Charles White

1971 – 2nd Lt. Lawrence Perea the first Hispanic commissioned

1972 - Lindsay Penson the first female commissioned

1978 - Lafayette Carol the first male Battalion Commander

1981 -- Vinca A. Dixon the first female Marine commissioned

1985 -- Largest female class commissioned (six)

2002 -- Prairie View A&M University NROTC graduated Frank D. Jackson, (Class of I973) was named Mayor of Prairie View, Texas (Present)

2002 -- Feb. 8 – Ensign (rank at time) Kirkland Matthews awarded Navy and Marine Corps Medal for Heroism for saving a sailor from drowning.