

## **Sergeant First Class Drew E. Karsten**



Sergeant First Class Karsten is a native of Baldwinsville, New York. He enlisted in the United States Army in July 2006 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was awarded the MOS 13M, Multiple Launch Rocket System Crew Member.

His assignments include: Alpha Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade Camp Casey, Korea; Bravo Battery, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord; Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fire Support Test Directorate, Army Test and Evaluation Command, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. SFC Karsten currently serves as the 13M Career Management NCO with the Field Artillery Proponent Office in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

His military education includes Warrior Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Combatives Level 1, Air Load Planner Course and Unit Movement Officer Course.

SFC Karsten's awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (5 bronze loops), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO Medal, Driver Badge (Wheeled Vehicle) and Driver Badge (Tracked Vehicle). SFC Karsten is also a member of the Order of Saint Barbara.

SFC Karsten has held numerous operational and leadership positions including Section Chief, Platoon Sergeant, Research Development Test and Evaluation NCO.

SFC Karsten is currently married to Paige Karsten and resides in Burk Burnett, Texas. Their children are Arlo Karsten (5) and Avery Karsten (3).

