

# Awards

## For Excellence in Military Intelligence

### Captain Meghan S. Oroho 2021 Recipient of the Lieutenant General Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence

*The MI Corps created the LTG 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 Meghan Oroho, a native of Clearwater, Florida, was commissioned through the U.S. Military Academy in 2014. She graduated both the Military Intelligence (MI) Officer Basic and Captains Career courses, as well as Airborne School, Air Assault School, Army Combatives Level I, and the Information Collection Planners Course. Her civilian education includes a bachelor of science in international law. Accepted to Duke's Fuqua School of Business, CPT Oroho will pursue her master of business administration beginning in July 2021 and thereafter will become an instructor in West Point's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

Between October 2019 and June 2021, CPT Oroho served as the company commander of the single-source intelligence company, Alpha Company, 205<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion. Prior to that role, she served as the assistant brigade operations officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 500<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade. In 2017, she deployed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During that time, she served as the brigade collection manager, as well as the brigade intelligence support element officer in charge. Prior assignments include information collection platoon leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 73<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, and assistant S-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 508<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment.

As part of Alpha Company, 205<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, CPT Oroho pioneered the Advanced Miniaturized Data Acquisition System Dissemination Vehicle (ADV) and ADV modernization efforts with three of her Soldiers forward positioned in Camp Hansen, Japan. Under her leadership, the team shaped future intelligence systems and drove Army Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities. CPT Oroho also planned, resourced, and equipped the newly activated Pacific processing, exploitation, and dissemination (PED) center with more than \$5 million in newly fielded equipment and a contracted work force of more than 100 intelligence professionals. Her hard work and dedication to this crucial effort resulted in an exponential increase in intelligence PED across the Indo-Pacific region.

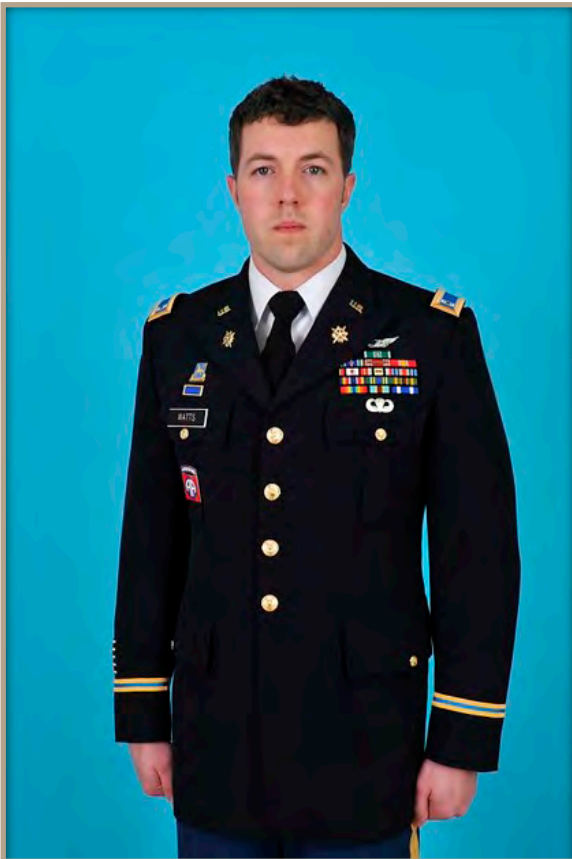
CPT Oroho also demonstrated her compassion as a leader who genuinely cares about Soldiers and their families. She built the most robust Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) at the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion and created innovative and inclusive SFRG events, resulting in high participation and the building of strong bonds within her team.

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold). 

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## Chief Warrant Officer 2 R. Ian Watts 2021 Recipient of the Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rex Williams Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence

*The MI Corps established the CW5 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 R. Ian Watts was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1982 and was raised in Washington, North Carolina. In September 2000, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a 96D, Imagery Analyst (now 35G, Geospatial Intelligence [GEOINT] Imagery Analyst). In 2015, CW2 Watts was appointed a warrant officer and awarded military occupational specialty 350G, GEOINT Imagery Technician. He has served in various enlisted, noncommissioned officer, and warrant officer assignments, with multiple deployments in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve.

Early in his warrant officer career, CW2 Watts implemented new intelligence architectures to integrate aerial reconnaissance tactical collection data for joint all-domain operations in Korea. Later, his employment of the Tactical Ground Station in Iraq was credited for successful targeting efforts against more than 800 high-value ISIS targets. Since 2018, as the officer in charge (OIC) for the Advanced Operations Course-GEOINT (AOC-G) and deputy OIC for the Digital Intelligence Systems Master Gunner (DISMG) Course, he has focused on building the comprehensive operational training to support the Military Intelligence Training Strategy and the establishment of the Army Foundry Platform.

When the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic abruptly halted most Army training, CW2 Watts quickly pivoted his in-classroom training to a world-class virtual instruction platform. Collaborating with the most active DISMGs throughout the community, he operationalized the Gunner Entry Program, which teaches the foundational concepts for understanding and implementing functional topologies to support tactical formations and missions. More than 400 intelligence professionals and leaders graduated the course between 30 March and 18 December 2020. Additionally, architecture and topology training was established within other important training programs, such as the 353T Military Intelligence (MI) Systems Maintenance/Integrator Warrant Officer Basic Course, the Warrant Officer Advanced Course, and most recently as required training for the 35F committee instructors. CW2 Watts also led training for nine DISMG classes with 98 graduates, and three AOC-G classes with 31 graduates.

CW2 Watts's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Basic Aviation Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Drivers Badge, and numerous other service-related awards and decorations. He is also a recipient of the MI Corps Association's Knowlton Award. ✨

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## Staff Sergeant Marcus L. Simpson 2021 Recipient of the Command Sergeant Major Doug Russell Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence

*The CSM Doug Russell Award was created in 2001 in honor of an esteemed noncommissioned officer who personified the integrity, moral courage, and loyalty espoused in the NCO Creed. 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 MI Corps.*



**B**orn and raised at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, SSG Marcus Simpson enlisted in the U.S. Army as a 35F, Intelligence Analyst, after graduating from high school. Upon completion of Advanced Individual Training at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, he volunteered to become Airborne and was assigned to the 307<sup>th</sup> Airborne Engineer Battalion (AEB), 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

At the 307<sup>th</sup> AEB, SSG Simpson was assigned to the company intelligence support team (CoIST), providing intelligence support to the brigade's five battalions. In addition to serving in the CoIST, he served as the primary U.S. Central Command analyst for the brigade S-2, conducting morning briefings for the brigade staff and supporting more than 20 battalion-level and higher exercises. He also served as the primary company communications security custodian and was responsible for the unmanned aircraft system platoon's RQ-7 Shadow cryptologic fills, enabling more than 2,000 flight hours.

From 2019 to 2020, during a deployment with 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel, SSG Simpson served as the nightshift noncommissioned officer in charge at the Kandahar Intelligence Fusion Center. In this capacity, he reviewed more than 250 graphical intelligence summaries that were distributed throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan and supported more than 75 United States

and coalition operations. During a period of base attacks, he maintained an indirect fire running estimate that local commanders used to assess and respond to enemy threat capabilities. SSG Simpson also maintained a running estimate of tensions with Iran following the death of Iranian commander Qasem Soleimani.

In January 2020, SSG Simpson was selected to travel to Jalalabad to establish the Regional Targeting Team-East (RTT-E) intelligence cell with 12 Afghan partners and members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. As the senior intelligence analyst, he ensured the daily integration and synchronization of intelligence efforts with multiple units and the Combined Joint Intelligence and Operations Center. He also created a robust named area of interest overlay encompassing 88 districts in RTT-E that enhanced the region's direct action and targeting capabilities.

Redeploying on 1 May 2020, SSG Simpson served as the CoIST squad leader until mid-August. He was then selected to become the senior intelligence sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307<sup>th</sup> AEB, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

SSG Simpson's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with "C" device, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Parachutist Badge. 

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## **Mrs. Andrea L. Rodman** **2021 Recipient of the** **Ms. Dorothe K. Matlack Award** **for Excellence in Military Intelligence**

*In 2018, the 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**rs. Andrea Rodman's career began as an all-source intelligence analyst serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, in Wurzburg, Germany. She deployed from 2004 to 2005 with the division analysis and control element in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as a designated briefer to the division commander. Following her active duty career, she joined the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Operations Integration Center, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, where she led the Network Nodal Division. In 2006, Mrs. Rodman joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Information Operations (IO) Command where she served as an analyst focused on Iraq and Syria.

In 2012, Mrs. Rodman became the Intelligence Team Chief for the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Regional Support Team, 1<sup>st</sup> IO Command G-2, a position she continues to hold. She leads analysts in the production and dissemination of intelligence support to information operations. Mrs. Rodman's technical skills and ability to understand the cognitive dimension of Middle Eastern populations and adversaries have been critical for IO planning. She provided an assessment of ISIS communications and vulnerabilities that identified exploitable weaknesses. These were then used to help bring down the group in Iraq and Syria. She was also instrumental in providing intelligence to CENTCOM J-39, Army Cyber Command, and multiple task forces that used existing strategic perceptions of ISIS

to identify specific tactical objectives. This allowed operators to foster division between groups, disrupt ISIS communications, and prevent the group's expansion. Mrs. Rodman and her team of analysts created assessments for each faction within ISIS that augmented planning by United States, coalition, and Iraqi forces to methodically drive ISIS from its strongholds in Iraq and eventually Syria.

Mrs. Rodman also proved instrumental in the success of cross-functional teams focused on Iran and Afghanistan. Following the January 2020 airstrike that killed Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Commander Qasem Soleimani, she was tasked with providing daily briefings to the Army Cyber Command commander and staff as well as weekly operations and intelligence briefings. Her efforts and dedication increased situational awareness and communications between various IO units, contributing to more synchronized planning support in the wake of this potentially dangerous international event.

Mrs. Rodman holds an associate degree in weapons of mass destruction and a bachelor's degree in international relations. She has completed the Army Management Staff College Basic Leadership Course and the Information Environment Advanced Analysis Course, and holds a Certificate in Women's Leadership from Cornell University. 