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Justin Gorkowski is a Colonel in the United States Army and currently assigned as a senior military advisor to the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity, he co-leads a team responsible for the design and generation of the UN-supported Gang Suppression Force in Haiti.

Prior to this assignment, Gorkowski was the Russia Branch Chief, and later Deputy Division Chief, for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction at U.S. Special Operations Command. Justin is an Army “Goodpastor Scholar” and completed his PhD work in International Relations at the University of Virginia, which focused on the employment of proxy actors by revisionist states, with case studies on Russia and Iran.

From 2014-2017, Justin served as a Defense Fellow for U.S. Senator Roy Blunt and then on the Army Staff as a congressional budget liaison, where he led dozens of senior congressional delegations around the world. Gorkowski has operational deployments with the 2d Cavalry Regiment and 25th Infantry Division to Afghanistan and Iraq. Gorkowski received his commission through the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds Masters Degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and The George Washington University.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal (1xOLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1xOLC), Army Commendation Medal (1xOLC), Army Achievement Medal (3xOLC), and various other military awards. COL Gorkowski is authorized to wear the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Sapper Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three daughters.