

Biography - Mr. Martin J. Palmer

Mr. Palmer was born in Detroit, Michigan, and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a B.S. in 2009, upon which he was commissioned as Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. After completing Infantry Officer Basic Leadership Course and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Mr. Palmer was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While with the 82nd Airborne Division, Mr. Palmer deployed to Afghanistan in 2011-2012 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. After passing Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 2012, Mr. Palmer graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2015, of which he was named Distinguished Honor Graduate, and was assigned to 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Mr. Palmer completed a tour to Turkey in 2016 and combat deployments to Iraq in 2016 and Syria in 2017 in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. In 2018, Mr. Palmer was awarded the U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for outstanding junior officer leadership. Mr. Palmer left active duty in July of 2018 at the rank of Captain and is currently pursuing his Masters in Business Administration at Columbia Business School in New York City, New York.

Mr. Palmer's military decorations and awards include the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, and two Bronze Star Medals for Meritorious Service.