

## **Captain Alivia Stehlik, US Army**

Captain Stehlik graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2008, earning a bachelor's degree of science in Physics, with honors. While at West Point she also earned her Air Assault wings with distinction, as the distinguished honor graduate of her class. She commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry. She was assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. She attended the Basic Officer Leader's Course II at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before returning to Georgia for her Infantry schooling. She earned her Level 1 Combatives certificate, as well as graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leader's Course, the Mechanized Infantry Leader's Course M2A2, Airborne School, and the Ranger Course.

On completion of the Ranger Course, Captain Stehlik served as a Mechanized Infantry Platoon Leader in A Co, 1-72 AR, 1HBCT, 2ID at Camp Casey, ROK. She then served as a Light Infantry Platoon Leader in A Co, 4th BN, 3rd US Infantry (The Old Guard) at Fort McNair, DC and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Following her time as a platoon leader she served as the Ceremonies Officer for 4th BN, 3rd US Infantry (The Old Guard). She applied for and was accepted to the US Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy in 2013.

In December 2013, Captain Stehlik reported to Joint Base San Antonio, TX, where she resigned her commission as an Infantry Officer and commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Specialist Corps. She graduated from the US Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy in 2016 and was assigned to the Physical Therapy Department at Evans Army Community Hospital (ACH) at Fort Carson, CO. During her time at Evans ACH, Captain Stehlik attended the Army Medical Department Captain's Career Course, from which she was a distinguished honor graduate.

In December 2017, Captain Stehlik determined that 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, would likely be deploying to Afghanistan without a physical therapist. She volunteered to move from Evans ACH and became the brigade physical therapist in order to ensure that the Soldiers in the brigade had access to physical therapy services while deployed to Afghanistan. During her deployment, Captain Stehlik distinguished herself by serving not only the Soldiers of her brigade, but also members of several other divisions, multiple Special Forces Groups, other governmental agencies, DA civilians, coalition forces, and third and host country nationals.

Captain Stehlik's military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 2 OLC, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, German Proficiency Badge (gold), Airborne Wings, and Air Assault Wings.