

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Perez

Lt. Col. Richard Perez was born on Aug. 18, 1964, Manhattan, N.Y., to Juan and Lourdes Perez. He grew up in Villa Carolina, Puerto Rico.

Perez graduated from Antilles Military Academy in 1983. In 1985 he attended Kemper Military School and College in Boonville, Mo., where he was awarded an associate's degree in Business Administration. He then transferred to the Inter American University of Puerto Rico in 1988, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Perez attended the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Puerto Rico and received a commission as a second lieutenant in the Armor Branch in 1986.

His military education includes Armor Officer Basic Course, Quarter Master Advance Courses, NBC Officer Course, Security Manager Course, Mortuary Affairs Officer Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command & General Staff College, and the OC/T qualification Course. LTC Perez served a tour in ARCENT AOR. He also served as the operations officer and later, as the executive officer at Camp Doha, Kuwait, from 2005 to 2006. He commanded a reserve component company and served in various staff positions at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

His military awards includes: Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device and bronze hourglass, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon.