



1SG PETER E. KEEL II / 14Z BATTERY FIRST SERGEANT



1SG Peter E. Keel II was born on 30 July 1982, in Lewisville, Texas. He graduated from The Colony High School in The Colony, Texas in May of 2000. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 2000. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss, Texas for 14T, Patriot Launcher Enhanced Operator Maintainer.

1SG Keel is currently assigned to B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery as the Battery First Sergeant. His previous assignments include Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Baumholder, Germany; Charlie Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, OK; Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Camp Carroll, South Korea (twice) and Fort Hood, TX; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; Bravo Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX. 1SG Keel has been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Some of his duty positions have included Launcher Platoon Sergeant, Fire Control Platoon Sergeant, Headquarters Platoon Sergeant, Battery First Sergeant and Battalion Master Evaluator.

His military education includes Warrior Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Patriot Master Gunner Course, North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO) Surface Based Air Defense Evaluators Course, SHARP Course, Multi-TDL Advanced Joint Interoperability Course, and the Combat Lifesavers Course. His Civilian Education includes American Military University where he is currently enrolled and working on his Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

1SG Keel's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal 3rd Award, Army Commendation Medal 5th Award, Army Achievement Medal 9th Award, Army Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon 3rd Award, Overseas Service Ribbon 4th Award, and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

He and his wife Arielle reside in Fort Sill, Oklahoma with their son Peter E. Keel III (7). He also has two daughters Catriona (15) and Cammy (13) that reside in Jacksonville, Florida.