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GS Criminal Justice & Criminology Grad Student Promoted in Military

September 21, 2020

Congratulations to Criminal Justice and Criminology graduate student, Joseph R. Charron. He has been promoted to Second Lieutenant (2LT) in the United States Army!



2LT Charron is a native of Gainesville, GA. He enlisted in the Army on November 3, 2009, and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, GA. He earned the Military Occupational Specialty 11B – Infantryman.

2LT Charron was initially assigned to Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Ft. Knox, KY. He served in the positions of Operations NCO, UAS NCO, Grenadier, and Rifleman.

In 2011, 2LT Charron deployed with Charlie Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2014, 2LT Charron reenlisted to attend AIT at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Ft Story, VA and earned the Military Occupational Specialty 42R – Musician. He was then assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Band, Ft Stewart, GA as a Senior Musician. In 2015, 2LT

Charron deployed as apart of the USFOR-A Band in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel as an Assistant Music Performance Team Leader.

In 2017, 2LT Charron graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He then began graduate school in 2018, pursuing a Master's in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

2LT Charron enlisted once again in 2019 to attend Officer Candidate School, where he commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch. Next, 2LT Charron completed Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course in 2020. 2LT Charron's military education includes Airborne School, Raven Operator's Course (UAS), Combat Life Saver Course, and Basic Leader Course.

2LT Charron's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3rd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal (2nd Award), Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

2LT Charron is currently stationed at the United States Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Benning, GA. His hobbies include shooting, music performance, and real estate investment. 2LT Charron decided to become a OSUT Platoon Leader to return to where his career began to lead, assist in training, and motivate the future generation of Infantry Soldiers.

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