



# Biography

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Sergeant First Class Kenji E. Nishikawa is a graduate of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California, with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. SFC Nishikawa enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2005 and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is an honor graduate from Unit Supply Specialist Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, and a graduate of the Warrior Leaders Course (Commandant's List), Advanced Leaders Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Army Recruiting Course (Commandant's List), and the Senior Leaders Course.

SFC Nishikawa's assignments include 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He supported the Joint Training Exercise FOAL EAGLE/ULCHI FOCUS LENS with the First Republic of Korea Army, then deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He was assigned to the Headquarters Support Company, HHBN, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), where he served in the rear detachment as the Detachment Armorer with the 101st Airborne Division. SFC Nishikawa was assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dakota Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, where he deployed to Forward Operating Base Lagman, Zabul Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In December 2012, he was promoted to staff sergeant and earned his gold spurs for completing the combat tour with the Cavalry. In 2013, SFC Nishikawa completed the Squadron's Spur Ride, leading seven other Soldiers through the 4-day ordeal and earning his silver spurs.

In 2014, SFC Nishikawa was selected to serve as an Army Recruiter, and he completed the Army Recruiter Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was embedded with the Johns Hopkins University Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he earned the Baltimore Recruiting Company's Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year in 2017.

In 2018, SFC Nishikawa was assigned to the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, in the Facilities Engineer and Logistics Division, focused on upgrading and modernizing the unit's military equipment.

SFC Nishikawa's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (11th Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), NATO Medal (2nd Award), Recruiter's Badge, Driver's Badge, and Expert Marksman Badge.

SFC Nishikawa is married and has four children.