

Fernando Guadalupe Implemented Enhanced Marksmanship Instruction During Decades-Long Army Career

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[/EINPresswire.com/](#) -- [Fernando Guadalupe](#) earned a reputation for outstanding leadership during his years of service with the Army, becoming an expert in a range of specialized fields. While serving, Mr. Guadalupe also implemented enhanced marksmanship instruction and integrated regular training of both close combat optics and iron sights.

Decorated officer Fernando Guadalupe served over two decades in the US Army, earning many distinctions during his impressive career. He was named the he Resolute Support Mission Director of Staff at NATO headquarters and the chief of doctrine and tactics for the U.S. Army Aviation School of Excellence. He also served as a career aviation officer and made a name as a respected author, speaker, and instructor on emerging topics (such as unmanned aircraft in war).



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During his time with the Army, Fernando Guadalupe also oversaw the implementation of specific changes to the soldier-training program. At Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he helped integrate new criteria for basic training, namely a greater emphasis on marksmanship.

The changes to basic training began in October of last year. The new criteria required all Army recruits to fire an extra 100 rounds on the rifle range, pass a “battle, march, and shoot” drill as part of The Forge, and pass tests on their iron sights (which hasn’t been a requirement since iron sights were phased out in 2015 in favor of optic sights).

“Although the Army offers a range of optics for rifles and carbines,” [says Fernando Guadalupe](#), “including thermal sights, soldiers will have to rely on their iron sites if their battery dies or if the enemy can jam the close combat optic in an increasingly crowded electronic warfare environment.”

Soldier combat in the Middle East demonstrated the need for optic sights to effectively take down a target at close range. However, new conflicts and combat trends have driven leaders like Fernando Guadalupe to train new recruits on their iron sights, which serve as the baseline sights for their weapons. In this way, they hope that soldiers will be more adequately prepared, and will carry the know-how to operate many different sights based on their need in wartime.

Apart from his expertise in leadership and his savviness in training criteria, [Fernando Guadalupe](#)

[has](#) plenty of other distinctions to back up his impressive standing. He was a combat veteran who was deployed three times to Iraq, serving as a company commander, 10th Mountain Division planner, and the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade deputy commander.

He's earned the title of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations Subject Matter Expert, fielding the very first training UAS unit in the US Army. He's also earned the title of Central and South America Geopolitical Subject Matter Expert after researching and observing the customs and cultures of the area for years. In short, Fernando Guadalupe is a monumental force in the Army that has paved the way for future leaders through published works, training improvements, and his own respected leadership.

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