



Colonel Matthew Goncalves, US Army Officer.

Colonel Matthew Goncalves is a US Army Officer and graduate of Westfield State University in Massachusetts. After enlisting in the Massachusetts National Guard in 1999, he was commissioned through the State Officer Candidate program in 2003. Following commissioning he graduated the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

While serving in the Massachusetts National Guard he served on Task Force 211 shortly after 9/11 for security during the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics. In 2005 after becoming a full-time member of the Massachusetts National Guard as a Platoon Leader, he deployed with Task Force Yankee in support of Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief effort to New Orleans. In 2007 he deployed to Kosovo for a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following his return from Kosovo, as a Captain, he became the full time Operations Officer at the 26th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at Fort Devens, MA. Shortly thereafter in 2008 he was accepted onto active duty through the "Call to Active Duty" program.

COL Goncalves attended the Captains Career Course, Airborne, and Ranger School at Fort Benning Georgia (2008 to 2009). After Ranger School, he was stationed at Fort Stewart, GA where he deployed for a yearlong tour to Mahmudiyah and Baghdad Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Upon return from Iraq, he became the Company Commander of Alpha Company, 2-7 Infantry Regiment and trained his men in preparation for missions to Afghanistan to support Special Forces Village Stability Operations. He was rewarded a second command and deployed his company, Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team to Qalat, Afghanistan to serve as what would become the first Security Force Assistance Brigade (2012 to 2013).

After returning from combat COL Goncalves served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC Program at the University of South Florida (2013-2014). He then completed the resident Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was then stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served as the 25th Infantry Division Readiness Chief, preparing troops to fight and train across the Pacific. He then served as the Operations Officer for 3/4 Cavalry in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team where he conducted several training missions to Australia in support of Pacific Pathways.

Following his tactical assignments in the 25th Infantry Division (2015-2017), he transferred into the Simulations Functional Area where he began work at the Army four-star command, US Army Pacific. At US Army Pacific, COL Goncalves worked directly for the Chief of Staff in the Knowledge Management Office.

COL Goncalves studied Italian at the Defense Language Institute before serving as a Military Personnel Exchange Program (MPEP) Officer as part of the US Army Europe Security Cooperation Division (2018-2021) and served as a Chief Planner for the Italian Army National Simulations Center in Civitavecchia, Italy. Following his tour as an MPEP Officer, he served a continuous overseas deployment as the Knowledge Management Officer in the 2nd Combined Infantry Division at Camp Humphreys, Korea (2021-2022).

Returning stateside, COL Goncalves began his Key Nominative Billet assignment as the Knowledge Management Officer for the XVIII Airborne Corp at Fort Bragg, NC (2022-2024) Becoming the only officer to ever serve as a Knowledge Management Officer in 2-,3-, and 4-star commands. There he served and deployed in assistance of the Support to Ukraine Mission. At the XVIII ABC COL Goncalves became the Army's first Chief of Data Transformation, helping to stimulate the Army Transformation Initiative and spur the start of Operational Data Teams implementation across the Army.

COL Goncalves completed his last assignment working at SOCOM Headquarters in the Joint Training and Readiness Division as the Director of SOFPREP. COL Goncalves and his Team produced Multi-Domain Simulated & 3D Environments to enhance the readiness of SOF Operators, along with Joint & Combined forces, by providing Joint, Live, Virtual and Constructive Environments for Training, Exercises and Mission Rehearsals.

COL Goncalves arrived to the EUCOM HQs in Stuttgart, Germany in June 2026, and began serving as Division Chief of the Joint Warfighting and Readiness Division, JWRD, for the EUCOM J7.

COL Goncalves holds his master's degree in leadership from Webster University. His military schooling includes: Command and General Staff College, Maneuver Captain's Career, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Mountain Warfare School, Sniper Employment Leaders Course, Ranger School, and Airborne School. His awards and decorations include: The Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 5 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Meritorious Unit Citations, The Expert Infantry Badge, and The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

COL Goncalves is married to his wife Michelle "Meash", and they have two children Carmelita (16) and Agostinho (14).