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John Ballesteros

University of Texas Austin Veteran Accelerated Management Program (2017-COHORT-1)



Age: 45

Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Rank: First Sergeant

Military Service:

1990-2016: US Army

EDUCATION:

- Grand Canyon University
Doctorate in Business Administration candidate
- Webster University (2013)
Master in Business Administration
- Saint Leo University (2010)
Bachelor in Business Administration

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- First Sergeant, United States Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas
- Operations Sergeant, United States Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas
- First Sergeant, C TRP, 1-13 CAV, 3rdIBCT, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas
- Military Science Instructor, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- Platoon Sergeant, H CO, 2-11 ACR, Fort Irwin, California
- Drill Sergeant, B CO, 2-54 IN, Fort Benning, Georgia
- Squad Leader, A CO, 5-87 IN, Republic of Panama

Nonprofit Experience:

- Director of Education –Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Tell us a fun fact about you:	I love riding my motorcycle.
Why did you join the military?	To tell you the truth, I didn't know anything about the military until working as a full service gas attendant; I filled up a recruiter's car and started a conversation. I got tired of pumping gas.
What is the greatest single lesson you learned from your Military Service?	A person can not rule with an iron fist.
Why did you apply for the Veterans Accelerated Management Program?	To get out of my comfort zone and take advantage of opportunities provided.
What do you hope to accomplish in the next chapter of your life, both professionally and personally?	I would like to be in a position to give back to the community while being part of an organization that shares the same values as I do.
What would you tell today's American public about our nation's Veterans transitioning out of the military?	There are many resources that assist military service members as they transition from the military. It is still difficult for some to articulate their skills and abilities. Do not judge a book from its cover.