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Governor Lemanu and First Lady Ella Attend Lt. Colonel (LTC) Tusapa Jonathan Ta'amu's Promotion



Governor Lemanu and First Lady Ella Mauga were honored to witness and celebrate Major Tusapa Jonathan Ta'amu's promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC). The promotion ceremony was held on February 03, 2023, on Joint Base Anacostia-Boiling (JBAB) in Washington, D.C. LTC Taamu is the son of Faimafilioali'i Ta'amu and Dr. Vaasa Simanu. Families and friends traveled from different states and countries to celebrate this great milestone for LTC Ta'amu. Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata Coleman Radewagen was also present in honoring LTC

Ta'amu's success. Governor Lemanu extended his sincerest congratulations to LTC Taamu for such an honored accomplishment and for carrying not only his family but his people of American Samoa.

LTC Tusapa Jonathan Ta'amu is a native of Tutuila Island, American Samoa and he hails from the village of Utumea (Sasa'e). He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program in May 2007 in Lawton, Oklahoma. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration in Organizational Leadership. LTC Ta'amu is also a Certified Defense Financial Manager and a graduate of the Executive Comptroller Course at Syracuse University. LTC Ta'amu enlisted as an Infantryman in 2004 for three years before becoming an Army Officer. After completing the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 2007, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment in Fort Lewis, Washington as a Company Fire Support Officer (FSO). In 2009, LTC Ta'amu deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Fires Officer for the 9th Iraqi Border Transition Team, 1st Infantry Division. Upon his redeployment, LTC Ta'amu returned to Fort Sill to attend the Captains Career Course and was subsequently assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment as the Battalion FO in Fort Riley, Kansas. In July 2013, LTC Ta'amu was assigned to HHB, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment as the Battery Commander. During his command tenure, LTC Ta'amu accepted a Branch transfer from the Field Artillery Corps to the Finance Corps and immediately reported to his first Finance assignment with the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) G8 as a Budget Analyst at Camp Henry, South Korea. In 2015, LTC Ta'amu reported to Fort Shafter, Hawaii where he served as a Budget Officer with the 311th Signal Command and later as an OMAR Chief with the 9th Mission Support Command. Following his time in Hawaii, LTC Ta'amu served as the G8 RPA Chief at 364th ESC in Marysville, Washington, and then as the Assistant Chief of Staff G8 at Fort Meade, Maryland for the 200th Military Police Command. LTC Ta'amu currently serves as the Budget and Accounting Officer for the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve (OCAR) in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. LTC Ta'amu's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (10LC), Army Achievement Medal (20LC), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. He is a graduate of Airborne School, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, Captains Career Course, and Command and General Staff College (CGSC). LTC Ta'amu is married to the former Punatoto Keke (MAJ-Regular Army), and they have four children (Kellie, Kameron, Leuma, and Kruz).

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