



CPT Katie Thurwanger

CPT Katie Thurwanger commissioned through Saint Leo University joined Army Aviation in 2015. She completed flight school in 2017 and selected Blackhawks as her primary airframe.

Her assignments include 1-214th General Support Aviation Brigade out of Wiesbaden, Germany and 1st Combat Aviation Brigade out of Fort Riley, Kansas. She arrived at Kansas State University in August 2024 to be an Assistant Professor of Military Science. Her previous positions include MEDEVAC Platoon Leader, Flight Operations Officer, Assistant Brigade Planner, Command and Control Flight Company Commander, Brigade Headquarters Commander and Attack Battalion S3 OIC.

CPT Thurwanger's military schooling includes the Basic Officer Leader's Course, Unit Movement Officer, Equal Opportunity, SERE, Combative Level 1, Aviation Captain's Career Course and Air Cavalry Leaders' Course.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal the Army Commendation Medal with one OLC, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Aviator Badge and the Army Service Ribbon.

CPT Thurwanger holds a Bachelor's in Arts in Sociology from Saint Leo University. She currently resides in Manhattan, KS. She is married to another pilot from Fort Riley, KS and they have one child.