



First Lieutenant Katerin Morales United States Marine Corps

First Lieutenant Morales was born in Cali, Colombia. She became a United States naturalized citizen in February 2012. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and graduated with a Bachelors in Sociology in June 2015. On November 2017, candidate Morales commissioned through the Officer Candidate Course program and accepted her commission as a Second Lieutenant. She reported to The Basic School (TBS) in 2019 and was designated as a Logistics Officer.

On August 2019, 2ndLt Morales checked into Basic Logistics Officer Course, upon graduation she was given orders to 1st Landing Support Battalion (LSB), Combat Logistics Regiment 1, Camp Pendleton, California and assumed the duties of Platoon Commander.



On November 2020 1stLt Morales deployed to Central Command, Combined Joint Task Force Al Asad, Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve where she served as the Operations Officer. She was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Upon returning to LSB, 1stLt Morales assumed the billet of Company Operations Officer. On October 2021 she was assigned to Headquarters and Service Company as the Executive Officer. 1stLt Morales completed her active service in June of 2022, and transitioned into the Individual Ready Reserve. In August of 2022, 1stLt Morales accepted Active Duty Operational Support Orders- Active Component in support of Joint Task Force-North's Counter-Drug Mission. She is currently serving as a Joint Operations Officer in the J33.