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## Tara Fajardo-Arteaga

United States Army

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Tara K. Fajardo Arteaga was hired as National Service Officer in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters, June, 2019. Previously, she served as the Associate Director of Membership 2015-2019, and prior to that, Production Coordinator for the Development Department.



Tara was born and raised in Jacksonville, IL. She had a normal childhood participating in 4-H, Girl Scouts, and many sports including her passion, swimming. She competed competitively in swimming up through college.

Tara graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech, Language and Hearing in 2010.

Tara joined the United States National Guard in 2008 while attending the University of Kansas. She served 11 years with the Kansas Army National Guard where she deployed from 2010-2011 as a Heavy Equipment Transport Operator in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 778<sup>th</sup> HET Company.

In 2019, she completed an inter-state transfer to the Puerto Rico Army National Guard and recently returned from a mobilization to Poland with the 113<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment where she served as a Mass Communications Non-Commissioned Officer in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

In recognition of her service, she received the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Driver and Mechanic Badge, among others.

Tara is still currently serving in the Puerto Rico Army National Guard after almost 15 years of service.

She joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7356 in Parkville, Missouri, in 2012 where she went on to serve as Adjutant, Community Service Chairman and went through the chairs completing her command as All-American Commander 2018- 2019.

She currently resides in Dorado, Puerto Rico with her husband and 4 beautiful children.