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About the Author

Captain Preston Pysh has served in the United States military since 1999. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. Upon graduation, he attended flight training at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he became rated in the AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopter. After flight training, Preston was assigned to the 1-2 Attack Aviation Battalion at Camp Eagle, South Korea. While stationed in Korea, he worked as an Attack Platoon Leader, Battalion Adjutant, and Assistant Operations Officer. Upon completion of his first overseas tour of duty, Preston attended the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and was then stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Once assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, he served as the Aviation Operations Battle Captain in Operation Enduring Freedom IX in Bagram Afghanistan. Following a successful combat deployment, Preston was then assigned as the A Company, 1-101st AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopter Company Commander during a second year deployment for Operation Enduring Freedom X-XI. Preston's company was directly responsible for the aerial security of the prominent Operation Dragon Strike mission in Kandahar city. His company performed some of the most kinetic enemy strikes during the nation's most intense fighting in Afghanistan. Preston is married to his lovely wife, Demi, and they proudly raise their two nieces, Kelly and Jenny. In his free time, he enjoys camping, golf, and any type of outdoor activity.

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