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Lieutenant Colonel Ryan T. Kranc
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Sir,

I am writing to you to introduce myself and family before reporting to your unit at Fort Carson around 11 July.

My fiancé Amy and I, are very excited to be apart of 4-10 CAV in the beautiful Colorado Springs area. We are getting married on 01 September of this year in her hometown of Lindsay, Texas. She will be joining me here in our newly purchased home in nearby Fountain. We are excited to start our new lives together and be apart of a distinguished unit and share in the rich history of 4-10 CAV. We hope to honeymoon in Cyprus or Rome.

Amy is a special education teacher for pre-school children and has taught in both California and Texas. She loves children and is ready to connect with the Army family. We both love being outdoors, traveling, and seeing so many of the great natural wonders of the world. I am an avid reader and have always appreciated institutional learning.

I had the distinct privilege of serving with our Marine brothers as a part of the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) instead of MCCC and am eager to bring back best practices from a sister service to the formation. Attending the Cavalry Leader Course was also a tremendous value-added opportunity to reground me in Army reconnaissance doctrine.

I had previously served in Custer's own in B TRP, 4-7 CAV as an executive officer before the unit cased its colors. However, the bulk of my experience was my service with 3d Squadron, 3d Cavalry Regiment in Fort Hood, Texas. I served there as a Stryker Rifle Platoon Leader and then a Stryker Mortar Platoon Leader for almost two years, including a deployment to Afghanistan. I cherish my experience with Garryowen and the Brave Rifles. I had fantastic NCOs and outstanding officer leadership throughout my time in each unit. I am excited to build on those experiences and to make new ones with the 10th Cavalry Regiment.

I look forward to meeting you in person when I arrive at the unit and integrating into the team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven D. Patelis".

STEVEN D. PATELIS
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