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SSG Joseph Hance is originally from St. Paul, MN. He enlisted in his junior year of high school in 2010 and completed Basic Training at Fort Benning GA. He finished his Senior Year and graduated from East Ridge High School, Woodbury, Minnesota, in 2011 and completed his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning GA earning his MOS as an Infantryman. He served in D/2-135 from 2011 to 2015. Then served in HHC/1-194 as an Operations NCO until 2018. He then served in C/1-194 as a Team Leader and then Dismounted Squad Leader.

During his time as Squad Leader, he was activated for civil unrest in the Twin Cities. Following a National Training Center Rotation, he deployed overseas with Task Force Bastard in support of multiple operations, from Operation Inherent Resolve in Syria to Operation, Allies Refuge at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan, and Operation Spartan Shield in Kuwait, all from 2021 to 2022.

Once he returned to Minnesota he started working as a Platoon Sergeant in C/1-194. He most recently started with the Minnesota Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion in February 2023 as a Recruiting and Retention NCO. SSG has attended two National Training Center Rotations, two Exportable Combat Training Capabilities Exercises, and numerous War Fighter exercises. He is a Domestic Operations Instructor and an FBCB2 Instructor.

SSG Hance resides with his wife and daughter in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.