



## Captain Louis S. Tobergte

### United States Army Military Mentor

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Capt. Louis Tobergte graduated as salutatorian from St. Henry District High School in Erlanger, Kentucky in 2010. He played basketball, volleyball, golf, and cross-country while also serving as the President of the school's National Honor Society and earning numerous scholarships. Recognizing the immense blessing of growing up in the United States, Louis sought to enter the military to protect the American people and to achieve his highest potential through the demanding training regimen of a military life. After a lengthy battle to receive a medical waiver for severe nearsightedness, Louis entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2010.

While at West Point, Louis double-majored in Chemical Engineering (with Honors) and Portuguese. He studied abroad for a semester at the Pontifical Catholic University in Sao Paulo, Brazil and conducted an internship at a peacebuilding NGO in Kampala, Uganda. While a cadet, Louis held many leadership positions, leading events that raised over \$100,000 for military-related charities and leading units of up to 1,338 peers and younger cadets. Louis graduated first in his class of over 1,000 cadets, commissioning into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and earning distinctions as the highest-performing engineering student and the highest-performing foreign language student. He was a finalist for the Rhodes, Marshall and Truman scholarships, ultimately winning a Rotary Scholarship. As a Rotary Scholar, Louis studied Water, Sanitation and Health Engineering at the University of Leeds, England, where he graduated with distinction after conducting an in-depth solo research project for six weeks in rural Zimbabwe.



After receiving his master's degree, Louis served as a Combat Engineer Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Italy, leading elements of 38-94 soldiers through training with NATO allies on parachute operations, demolitions, improvised explosive device (IED) clearance, and barrier construction. Aiming to serve with the best soldiers in the U.S. Army, Louis volunteered for Special Forces in 2018 and earned his Green Beret in 2020. Louis was recognized as the top officer in his Captains Career Course class and in his Ranger School class. He currently serves as the Detachment Commander for a 12-man Special Forces Detachment in 7th Special Forces Group, utilizing his fluency in Spanish and Portuguese to lead Close-Quarters Combat training for up to 140 soldiers from partner nations all throughout the Western Hemisphere. Following his time in Detachment Command, Louis will study for a master's in Chemical Engineering before reporting to the United States Military Academy in 2023 to teach Chemistry and Chemical Engineering to the next generation of America's leaders.

Louis is passionate about serving the nation and ensuring the next generation of leaders are prepared to take on the immense challenges of the 21st century. As moral foundations and physical fitness are essential to the well-rounded character needed to take on these challenges, Louis has volunteered as a Religious Education instructor for teenagers, a CrossFit coach, a soccer coach and as a mentor for high school students applying to West Point.

As a tri-lingual, marathon-running, devout Catholic with three children, Louis brings a unique perspective to the United States Senate Youth Program that he is eager to share with the student delegates to assist them in learning more about the complex and challenging 21st-century world that they are inheriting.