



CDT Luth in Oahu, Hawaii during CTLT, August 2018

I was assigned to shadow an Armor Lieutenant in Apache Troop, 3rd CAV during my time at CTLT. The experience was overall a very positive one. Seeing how an active duty unit functions day to day was something I had never done. It shed light on all the small details you wonder about, such as the Platoon Leader's daily work schedule, how he works with his platoon sergeant on administrative issues, and what a combat arms unit does when it is not in the field. Apache troop was extremely professional and every soldier there seemed happy to take time to teach their various jobs within the Troop. The weekends in Oahu made the experience even more enjoyable, with world famous beaches only a short drive away, and luckily, I had a few friends stationed there that were happy to show me the Island and drive me to the beach for free (Uber was upwards of 60 dollars one way to the beach!) Aside from the less than ideal barracks (roach-infested with no washing machines available) I had a great experience.