



**COLONEL
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Colonel Brito first served as an Instructor in the Field Artillery School prior to attending the US Army Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg. He was then assigned to the 9th Physiological Operations Battalion, 8th Special Forces Group at Fort Gulick, the Panama Canal Zone. He then began a tour in Vietnam as the Assistant S-3, 7th Battalion, 15th Field Artillery prior to an assignment as the Chief, Civil Military Operations Division with the Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) program in Vietnam.

He joined the Texas National Guard and served as the Assistant S-3 and later the S-3 of the 71st Airborne (Separate) Brigade. He later commanded Company A, 2nd Battalion, (Airborne), 143rd Infantry. His next assignment was Operations Officer of the 1st Battalion, 49th Armored Division. Subsequent assignments included Director of Instruction at the Texas Military Academy and Commander of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry, 49th Armored Division. His career culminated as the Director of Plans, Operations and Training Headquarters State Area Command (STARC), Texas Army National Guard.

Colonel Brito's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Master Parachutist Badge.