

Lt. Alyssa Brenner

Nominated by Lori Brenner, mom

Lt Alyssa Brenner is a 3rd generation Marshfield native, who grew up in Marshfield, went off to college and joined the National Guard in 2013 while a student at UW Madison. When she joined the guards, she told me, "Mom, I want to be part of something bigger than myself". After completing basic training and Officer Candidate School, she was one of just 4 women to finish the Infantry Officer Training Course at Fort Benning. The Army only recently allowed women in the combat division, and Alyssa was one of the first female combat officers EVER in the National Guard. For 2 years, she was on an artillery team at Fort McCoy, and was promoted to Lieutenant.

She moved to Colorado and transferred to Wyoming National Guard's Infantry Division, and in November 2021, was named Company Commander, a rare accomplishment for a female in the National Guard. She has also been promoted to Captain, and now leads a platoon of 131 infantry soldiers. She has completed deployments to Poland and Kosovo, where she also worked with girls youth soccer and a women's shelter in her off hours.

Alyssa graduated with honors from MHS in 2011, where she competed in 3 sports all 4 years of high school. She was a member of the basketball team that went to state in 2008, and was class president for 3 years. She graduated from UW Madison in 2014, with a double major in environmental science and conservation biology. She spent 6 years as a park ranger for Colorado Parks and Wildlife before pursuing a career in law enforcement, and is currently a police officer with the City of Golden (Colorado). Her roots are in Marshfield, and she continues to be a role model for women everywhere. Alyssa is a fantastic daughter, and an amazing big sister. She is proud to have been raised in Marshfield, and I believe she is fitting for the nomination of an effective leader that we can all be proud of.

