

## *Major Karlos Tungol - Hinsdale South High School Class of 1999*



Major Karlos G.L. Tungol is the Integration Branch Chief of the Airspace Mission Planning Division at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts. This division develops and supports a suite of PC and UNIX-based mission planning systems that meet the needs of nearly 50 Air Force aircraft and weapons systems. In addition, the Navy, Marines, Army, several government agencies, and 30 allied nations depend upon these mission planning systems for daily operations.

Major Tungol was commissioned in 2003 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Marquette University. He began active duty in 2003 at Eglin AFB, Florida, as a test engineer on a variety of smart weapons test programs with the 46<sup>th</sup> Test Wing.

Prior to his current position, Major Tungol led the implementation of 3.4 billion dollars in Title-10 foreign military sales program requirements directly resulting in the successful sustainment of Mi-17 helicopters, as well as the C-208B light lift aircraft, and initial operational capability for the C-130H, A-29, and MD-530F aircraft fleets for the Afghan Air Force.

A few of the Major Awards and Decorations received by Major Tungol include:

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal

When asked Major Tungol's about what part of his high school experience helped him achieve excellence, he replied: "Mr. James Kirwan was my Varsity Football Head Coach in 1999 and he was very influential in shaping my outlook to this day. He taught us that attitude and determination was everything. He didn't just coach football, he coached us the attributes that would make us successful in life."

### **Legacy Message**

"Those that come before us may pave the road for the younger generation, but those that follow improve on that road and drive to a better future. Hope lies in the next generation. Your generation has the ability to set a brighter future for us all. Continue to focus on the positive and the good in the world and be the heroic example for those that follow you."