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CPT Baran's training and military schools include: Infantry Officer Basic Course; Airborne School; Ranger School; Finance Captains Career Course; Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Course; Total Army Instructor Training Course; and Small Group Instructor Training Course.

CPT Baran has served in leadership and staff positions to include: Light Infantry Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, HI; Company Executive Officer, Battalion Logistics Officer, and Battalion Operations Planner, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, Camp Taji, Iraq; and Instructor/Writer, Captains Career Course Common Core, Combined Arms Department, Soldier Support Institute, Fort Jackson, SC. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from December 2007 – February 2009.

CPT Baran's awards and decorations include: Bronze Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), Iraq Campaign Medal (2), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service (2), Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.