## **MAJ Cristina Gomez**

MAJ Cristina Gomez is an Active-Duty Army Officer, who recently transitioned out of a background in logistics to become a strategist. The daughter of Cuban immigrants, she grew up in Birmingham, AL, with extended family residing mostly in New York and Florida. She received her undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2009, and recently completed a thesis-based Master's in Military Art and Science (MMAS) from the US Army Command and General Staff College, with a focus on strategic studies. In almost 12 years of service, she has deployed to Afghanistan and Kuwait, and has been stationed around the world, including Texas, Germany, Turkey, and West Point. Her most recent assignments involved directly supporting Army general officers, especially in their "key leader engagements" (or stakeholder engagements), facilitating the military's contribution to diplomacy. MAJ Gomez is currently a Mid-Career Master in Public Administration Candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School. Upon graduating this spring, she will move to Washington, D.C. to work for the US Department of the Army Staff at the Pentagon, serving in the Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans. She currently lives in Boston with her 2-year-old Alaskan Malamute named "Prime."