

# Round trip

## EdTech grad returns to teach ROTC at Boise State

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**N**ate Patrick has covered a lot of ground since joining the Idaho Army National Guard and later ROTC at Boise State, and later graduating from the EdTech program in 2007.

He saw ROTC and the EdTech **master's program** as steps up the career

ladder, so he joined both programs—and then he called one day and said he had a chance to go to Army flight school.

**Could he resume his master's program** when he got back, he asked.

Sure, I said.

He called me a year or so later and we talked about flight school, his family, and restarting his graduate studies. He finished in 2007 and is now an Army major and an instructor in the same ROTC **program that he'd joined years ago.**

**He's used his ed-tech** skills to improve established Idaho National Guard and Army programs.

For example, while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was assigned to receive, schedule, and track missions and VIPs within **the aviation task force's area of operation, which** covered southern Iraq and all of Kuwait. He had to figure out how to accommodate the various schedules of VIPs with the availability of aircraft