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Biography

Alex Gallo, born in Morristown, New Jersey on November 17, 1977, has a career that spans public service, higher education, national security, and entrepreneurship.

Gallo graduated from Blair Academy in 1996 and then pursued higher education at the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating just three months before the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001. This event had an immediate and deep influence on his professional journey.

Gallo has served as a military officer, Professional Staff Member with the House Armed Services Committee in the US Congress, and Fellow at esteemed institutions such as George Mason University's National Security Institute and West Point's Combating Terrorism Center. Additionally, Gallo teaches national and international security professionals as an adjunct Assistant Professor in the Master's in Security Studies Program at Georgetown University.

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Gallo's public service began as a U.S. Army officer. During his military service, he deployed as part of a UN peacekeeping mission in Kosovo in 2002. He also served a combat tour in Iraq in 2004.

Alex Gallo earned a B.S. in American politics, policy, and strategy from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree in public policy, focusing on international security and political economy, from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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