

# Hawk TALK

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## DEFENDERS IN TRAINING

Security Forces trainees at the 343rd Training Squadron move through a series of obstacles during the Individual Tactics and Techniques basic course at Camp Bullis on Sept. 20, 2022. The exercise is designed to teach the trainees how to shoot, move and communicate through tactical environments. The 37th Training Wing's 343 TRS provides the initial training for all Air force security forces. (U.S. Air Force photos by Jason Wilkinson)

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## Military Training Leader creates app, saves hours of in-processing Security Forces students



and story by C Arce  
37th Training Wing Public Affairs



**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas** – Force Generators pave the way for advancing force development in our force, and a military training leader with the 343rd Training Squadron symbolizes just that... plus more.

Staff Sgt. Justin Davis created a web-based app that saves several hours each week during the in-processing of students and has saved the Air Force over \$15,000 as a result of no longer printing 400,000 pieces of paper annually.

Davis, who joined the Air Force in November 2006, said it took him, along with other MTLs, about eight hours a week to prepare, print, scan and upload in-processing documents, considering that each student fills out 13 documents.

"As MTLs, our number one priority is to be able to spend time with and mentor our students," Davis said. "Because of the app, I've given myself 10 hours each week that I don't have to spend doing admin work, and instead, spend more time with the students."

Read the entire story here.





# 37 TRG

# DRILL



In celebration of the Air Force's 75th Birthday, Airmen from the 343rd Training Squadron, 344th TRS and the 59th Training Group compete in the Fall 2022 drill down at the 37th Training Wing's Airman's Arena Sept. 17. The teams performed a precision drill and exhibition routine in front of their peers, families and wing leadership. The 59th TRG was awarded first place overall, followed by the 344th and 343rd consecutively. The halftime show featured the 341st Training Squadron military working dogs and handlers. The annual event displays military drill and ceremony procedures and promotes esprit de corps and morale. (U.S. Air Force photos by Christa D'Andrea and Gregory Walker)

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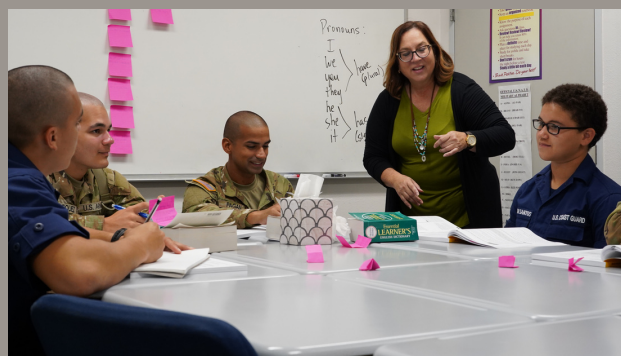
From Left to Right: Drill team members perform during a presentation at the NCO Academy, Escuela de Formación de Suboficiales de la Fuerza Aérea. Gen. Arturo González Ocampo, Commander of the Paraguayan Air Force pins the Commandant of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Col. José Jiménez Jr., and (far right) Jiménez and Chief Master Sgt. Emilio Avila, IAAFA Senior Enlisted Leader, greet members of the Paraguayan Air Force in Asunción, Paraguay, Sept. 16, 2022.

## Advancing Security Cooperation in Paraguay

 and story by Vanessa Adame  
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**CONCEPCION AIR BASE, PARAGUAY** – Inter-American Air Forces Academy leaders traveled to Paraguay to carry out a strategic visit with that nation's Air Force. Col José Jiménez, Jr. and Chief Master Sgt. Emilio Avila, IAAFA Senior Enlisted Leader, visited the flying training group at Concepcion Air Base, the NCO Academy and the Aeronautical Training Command and met with Paraguayan Air Force leaders and students while examining the school's resources. Leaders also attended a forum with former IAAFA students, who spoke of the opportunities IAAFA provided to them and served essential in their development.

Leaders included Gen. Arturo Gonzalez Ocampo, Commander of the Paraguayan Air Force, Col. Jorge Ramirez, commander of the Flying Training Group at Concepcion Air Base, and Brig. Gen. Roberto José Idoyaga Benitez, commander of the Aeronautical Training Command -- all former IAAFA graduates.



The first five U.S. Coast Guard recruits to train at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center arrived Aug. 30 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's 37th Training Wing. The recruits, who speak English as a second language will train alongside U.S. Army and international military students until they are proficient enough in English to pass the English Comprehension Level test. Once they pass they will ship to Boot Camp at Cape May, N.J.


## Coast Guard recruits join DLIELC's Echo Company

 by Spencer Berry and story by Christa D'Andrea  
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**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas** – The first five Coast Guard recruits to train with the Defense Language Institute English Language Center here are honing their English skills over the next 10-24 weeks alongside the DLIELC's U.S. Army Echo Company.

The recruits, who speak English as a second language, arrived Aug. 30, and are in their third week of training. Once they are proficient enough in English to pass the English Comprehension Level test, they will ship to Boot Camp at Cape May, N.J.

Annually, DLIELC provides English Language Training for approximately 1,000 Army Trainees, known as Echo Company, whose score on the ECL test is below the required entry point to enlist directly.

Read the entire story [here](#). 



# Gentle leaders for gentle giants

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## JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas -

Considering the 37th Training Wing is home to training all military working dogs for the Department of Defense and other agencies, it is no surprise Airmen from the 341st Training Squadron found a new way to improve the exercise of the gentle giants of our force – using a gentle leader. A gentle leader is a collar, except it's not the traditional collar that goes around a dog's neck. Instead, it is a head collar that goes around a dog's snout, which prevents them from being "pullers."

"This collar has been a game changer here at our squadron, both for our two-legged and four legged teammates," said Joseph Graham, assistant master kennel for the 341st TRS Department of Labor. "Not only is it better for the dogs so they don't tire themselves out, but it's also important for our caretakers' safety."

As soon as caretakers voiced their concern about being pulled by some of the MWDs, Graham said the research for a device started immediately. One team member was familiar with the gentle leader, so he trained two people last July to see if it was a compatible device. After a few weeks of training, the team realized the collar was a good device to use on the MWDs. Eventually, using the gentle leader increased the caretakers' confidence in walking the dogs known as pullers.

"Safety is our number one priority not only for our dogs, but especially our people too," Graham said. "We want to make sure our people aren't hesitant on walking certain dogs. Not only does using the gentle leader boost their morale, but it also lets them know we are here to listen to their concerns and do the best we can to help."

Exercising the dogs is vital to the 341st TRS's mission and is the responsibility of the animal caretakers. It is the dogs' chance to explore new smells, exercise their peripheral vision, and practice communication and socialization.

Caretakers exercise the dogs at least three times a week which consists of walking around the facilities and stopping by the cooling station afterward. Caretakers are also



Ariel Guerrero, lead caretaker with the 341st Training Squadron Animal Caretakers, walks Kkeating, a military working dog, during his morning exercise on Aug. 17, 2022. Caretakers now have the option of using a new device, called a gentle leader, while exercising MWDs who pull during their walks. A gentle leader is a head collar that goes around a dog's snout to prevent them from pulling when being walked. Using the collar benefits the dogs and caretakers by preventing excessive pulling that can exhaust them, as well as preventing tripping or falling.

responsible for grooming, feeding, and taking the dogs to medical appointments if needed, which are separate responsibilities from the training dogs receive from the dog trainers. Using the collar is not mandatory for exercising the dogs. However, before a caretaker is issued one, they need to be trained by a supervisor or trainer, for one to three days.

According to Graham, about half the caretakers use the collar when exercising dogs. Graham added the collar doesn't harm the animal; it merely limits their ability to pull.

The 341st TRS falls under the 37th Training Group and is responsible for training and developing K9 professionals and MWDs to enhance the Department of Defense's global warfighting capability.



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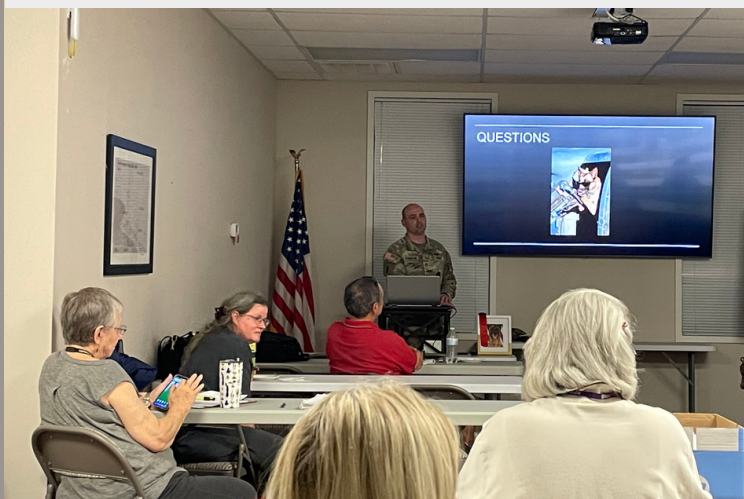


Chief MSgt. Michael Morgan, 37th Training Wing Command Chief, participated as a panelist at the Department of the Air Force School Liaison Program Manager Professional Education and Development S2.0 on Sept. 14, 2022. During the "Partnerships Drive Results" session, he discussed various topics including his and his family's personal experiences with attending military schools; showing his gratitude for the school liaisons across Department of Defense installations; and the importance of integrating the military installation's mission and vision across the schools and the community. At his last duty station, Maxwell AFB, Chief Morgan chaired the K-12 Public Education Working Group that brought together community leaders, state legislators, and military leaders to improve public education in and around the base. The SLPM's mission is committed to outreach, advocacy, and partnership initiatives that generate real-time solutions for military-connected students in PreK-12 as they face global educational challenges and transitions. (U.S. Air Force photo by C Arce)

Tech Sgt. Victor Gearheart received a 100% score on every test at his tech school course, the Occupational Safety Apprenticeship Course. There are four block tests and eight practical evaluations. His instructor, Tech Sgt. Michael Macleod, said Gearheart is the first student he's ever had who aced all exams. (U.S. Photo by C Arce)



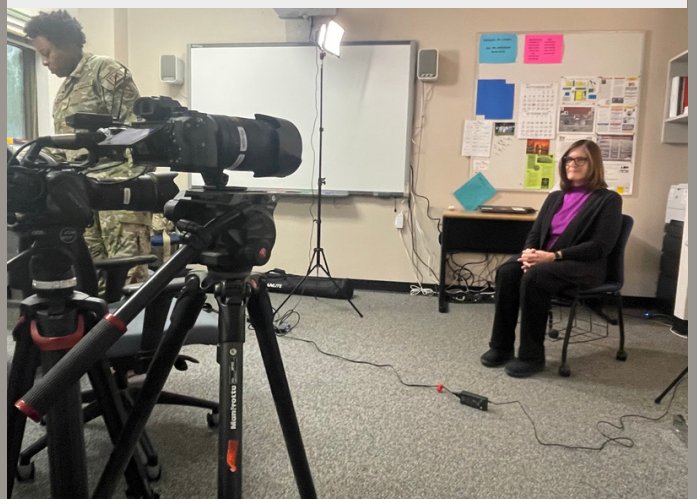
U.S. Army Sgt. Daniel Franklin, 341st Training Squadron Military Working Dog Handler's Course speaks to members of the San Antonio Chapter of Mensa. Franklin spoke about history of the MWD, how the school teaches humans to establish clear communication with the canines as well as what training aids they use. Franklin has served in the Army for 17 years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Christa D'Andrea)



The 737th Training Group's newest MTIs, class 220708, graduated Sept. 1. (back row) TSgt Joseph Colvin, TSgt Cody Bratcher, TSgt Logan Lindsey, TSgt Jackson Derisca (MTIS Instructor), TSgt Anthony Cruz, TSgt Phillip Edwards and TSgt Remario Barley. Front Row: SSgt Haylie Maskuleand TSgt Allison Ledford. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joseph Gangemi)



Airman Magazine prepares to interview Lisa Lundien, General English instructor at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center. The Airman staff interviewed multiple personnel and staff from DLIELC and IAAFA for feature stories about the impact of the security cooperation mission in the strategic environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Christa D'Andrea)







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