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MS JENNIFER BEAR

Warhawk Improvement and Innovation

I have been lucky to have several Air Force women make an impact on my life and career over the years. Some were commanders, while others were supervisors, peers, subordinates, or trainees. The first Air Force woman to impact my life was my Military Training Instructor, Tech. Sgt. Nikki Casey. Her professionalism and knowledge had a profound impact on me. After I graduated, I decided I wanted to become an MTI myself so that I could train, and hopefully inspire, a new generation of Airmen as Sgt. Casey did. After nine years as a maintainer, I volunteered for MTI duty and returned to BMT to fulfill my pledge.

I was lucky enough to be surrounded by other phenomenal women who pushed me to be a better leader and mentor. They are too numerous to capture in this forum, but I wanted to mention one in particular; then Tech. Sgt. Kellie "KC" Courtland and now a Colonel select. After our time together as MTIs, she returned to BMT as a flight commander and I returned as a First Sergeant. It was around this time that I was diagnosed with Primary Lateral Sclerosis. Facing the end of my active duty career and having been athletic all my life, accepting the new physical "normal" was difficult. Throughout all of this, KC continued to motivate and mentor me. She would walk with me after work and I would accompany her to several 5K, half and full marathon events she participated in. One day, I decided I was going to walk a 5K. It took me 90 minutes to complete the distance, but after I finished, I felt like I had gotten a huge piece of the "old" me back. For that, I will always be grateful to my friend and Air Force sister, KC Courtland.



Intendente Jefe Alexander Pacheco, of Colombia's National Police, holds a coin at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Feb. 17, 2023. Pacheco, a Partner Nation Guest Instructor at IAAFA, recently earned the Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor designation. He is the first international member to earn master instructor, which is the highest honor one can earn as an instructor.

Partner Nation Guest Instructor becomes first to earn AETC Master Instructor Designation

 and story by Vanessa R. Adame
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – For the first time in the Inter-American Air Forces Academy's 80-year history, a partner nation guest instructor has earned the master instructor badge, the highest Air Education and Training Command's instructor qualification. Intendente Jefe Alexander Pacheco of Colombia's National Police, was nearing the end of a two-year assignment at IAAFA as a partner nation guest instructor when he was awarded the designation during a ceremony here, Feb. 17.

"No one who joins the police force ever imagines the immensity of their actions, the feats they perform every day – they simply make them a part of their daily lives," Pacheco said. "I'm so proud to receive this recognition that's being bestowed to me, not only by a military force, but by the U.S. Air Force, the most important country in our hemisphere." "Having accomplished this feat is a great reward for myself and my family," he added.

According to AETC's master instruction requirements guide, to receive the title an instructor must complete a minimum of 1,000 hours as primary instructor teaching, earning an excellent or higher rating on the last three consecutive instructor evaluations and completing at least six semester hours of professional continuing education and participation in professional curriculum development projects. "It shows he's a dedicated professional in his career," said Tech. Sgt. Genaro Martinez, non-commissioned officer in charge of Standardization and Evaluations at IAAFA. "It just speaks volumes about his level of dedication because the partner nation guest instructor is only here for two years, so to be able to achieve this in that time is - nose to the ground the entire time," Martinez said.

Leaders evaluated Pacheco's records from Colombia where he served previously, as well as the work he accomplished as an instructor for the 837th Training Squadron's International Force Protection flight.

Pacheco will return to Colombia as an Instructor for the Jungle Command for the National Police.

"I can go back to my country with the satisfaction of having fulfilled my duty, but also with my head held high and the pride that comes with earning such an award," Pacheco said.



LT. COL. BETH ROSARIO

322d Training Squadron commander


When my husband lost his job with the airlines after the 9/11 attacks, I went from being a stay-at-home mother of two children, to joining the Air Force to both provide for my family and help protect the freedoms of our country. I can honestly say, that during my entire career, the Air Force, our Sister services, and coalition partners have all treated me with the utmost professionalism and respect. I have learned so much both as a professional and as a person from the incredible men and women who I have had the privilege to serve with in countries around the world. While deployed in Afghanistan, I encountered for the first time in my life some people who adhere to a belief system that does not value women as equal members of society. It made me truly appreciate the rights and privileges that women in our society are blessed to enjoy. I'm grateful to all of the men and women who have worked hard to ensure all people are given opportunities to thrive and pursue their dreams, and I hope my legacy will be one of making the path a little easier for those women who will take up the mantle of service to their country in the future.

IAAFA IMSO WINS AIR FORCE TEAM OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS!



The International Military Student Officer team at the Inter-American Air Forces was recently awarded Large Activity IMSO Team of the Year for 2022. The Air Force-level award recognizes the outstanding efforts of training activity for organizations that provide exceptional management and administrative support to International Military Students across the Air Force.

 by Vanessa R. Adame

A FORCE TO RECKON WITH

More than 100 female Airmen from the 343rd Training Squadron attended the 37th Training Wing Invitational Drilldown, March 11. The 343 TRS trains Air Force Security Forces "Defenders" which is the largest career field in the Air Force.

 by Christa D'Andrea

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**"There is no
limit to what
we, as women,
can accomplish"**

-- Michelle Obama

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS YESENIA POMPA

Senior Drill Sergeant

SFC Yesenia Pompa continues to BREAK boundaries as a former female boxer, first generation Army service member, and now an Army Echo Company Drill Sergeant at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center — she continues to challenge the status quo.

"Prove them wrong. If anyone ever has something to say about you not being able to do something, prove them wrong and use that as motivation."



THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IAAFA

1. IAAFA teaches more than 30 courses in Spanish.
2. IAAFA originated in Albrook Air Station in Panama in 1943.
3. Women, Peace, and Security was implemented into IAAFA's curriculum in July 2022.
4. IAAFA was known as Latin American School and Central and South American Air school before it became the Inter-American Air Forces Academy.
5. In 2007, Col. Maria Cordero became the first female to occupy the role of commandant of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy.
6. IAAFA's wings are highly recognized in Latin America.
7. IAAFA welcomed its first two female instructors in 1976, both were assigned to the Maintenance Accessory Department.
8. Approximately 300 students from 11 countries graduated IAAFA between 1943 and 1946.
9. IAAFA held several unofficial names in its early days including Aircraft and Radio Mechanic School, Panama Air Depot, as well as the Latin American Training School.
10. One officer and 10 enlisted members were the first to be trained in the Engineering Shop in what is now known as IAAFA.
11. Partner Nation Guest Instructors, are part of IAAFA's cadre.
12. In 2022, IAAFA was commissioned to offer a mobile training team to the Pacific Air Forces.
13. At 80 years old, IAAFA is older than the U.S. Air Force.
14. Albrook Air Station, Panama and Homestead AFB were both home to IAAFA, at different times.
15. A former two-time IAAFA graduate recently became commander of the Paraguayan Air Force.
16. Approximately 53,000 students from 23 partner nations and the U.S. have graduated from IAAFA, since it originated in 1943.
17. The academy's cadre is made up USAF and PNGIs.
18. In January 1993, IAAFA opened its doors at JBSA-Lackland, Texas, just 100 days from its relocation from Homestead, A.F.B.
19. IAAFA uses simulators to enhance instruction in the classroom to include flight simulators, forklift simulators, paint simulators, a simulator in Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course and a virtual reality simulator used to teach security forces courses.
20. All IAAFA students participate in the Field Studies Program, which is designed to give International Military Students a balanced view of the American way of life.

IAAFA celebrated its 80th Anniversary March 15, 2023. Read more facts about IAAFA [here](#).





MS SARA KHABOUZE

Overseas program manager, 637 ISS, INF



My 27-year career at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center has allowed me to move beyond the stigma of being a 15-year-old, unwed, pregnant, high school drop-out to an educated, empowered, proud government employee who has deployed to, surveyed, and visited more than 40 countries throughout the seven Combatant Commands that has exceeded every career dream I had.

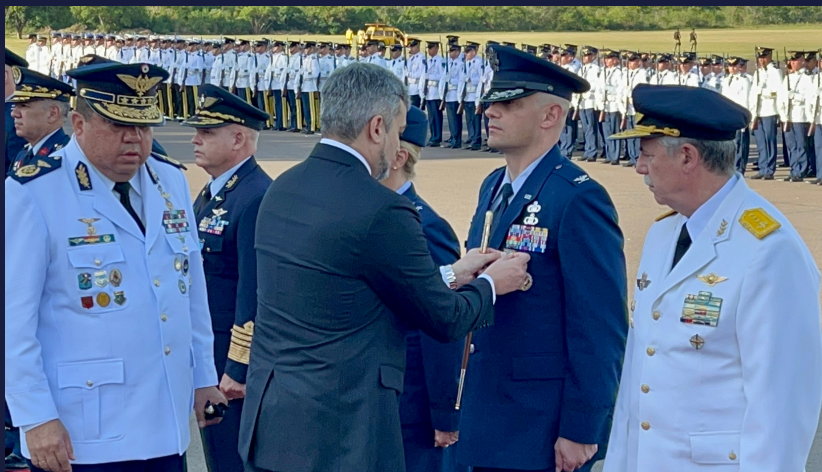
The poor choices of my youth diminished my self-esteem for many years. Fortunately, that changed after completing my GED, obtaining a B.A. in Education and an M.A. in Bilingual Education, and joining DLIELC. My time at DLIELC has opened my world exponentially and allowed me to hone my skills in various academic positions, from an Instructor in General, Specialized, and Advanced English, where I taught students from over 100 countries in careers spanning across the services, a supervisor, and a Curriculum Projector Officer. During which, I had the chance to deploy to 11 countries.

In my current Overseas Program Manager position, I have surveyed English language training programs in more than 20 countries and deployed numerous Mobile Training Teams across the COCOMs. More importantly, I get to work with the USAF, DoD, and DoS in support of our joint Security Cooperation mission.

My career has provided me with the knowledge, global perspective, tools, and experience necessary to engage with the U.S.'s foreign partners using English language training to forge our alliances. Our COCOM allies utilize ELT in preparation for participation in CONUS and OCONUS training and joint exercises that strengthen their militaries and their relationships with the United States. It has been an honor to serve the Air Force through my DLIELC career.

IAAFA leaders attend Paraguayan Air Force centennial celebration


Mario Abdo Benitez, President of Paraguay, pins Col. José Jiménez, Jr., Commandant of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, with the Medal of Honor for the Centennial Commemoration of the Paraguayan Air Force in Asunción, Paraguay, Feb. 22, 2023. Benitez greeted senior members of visiting delegations and pinned each of them with the medal of honor to commemorate the anniversary. (Courtesy Photo)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE 37TH TRAINING WING



Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor, speaks at the 37th Training Wing's Annual Awards Banquet, held at the Gateway Club, March 10, 2023. Gaylor served as the 5th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force from 1977 to 1979.

 Daniel Cruz

Junior Enlisted: Senior Airman Matthew Hernandez, 737th Training Group

Noncommissioned Officer: Tech. Sgt. Joshua Massas Borges, Inter-American Air Forces Academy

Senior Noncommissioned Officer: Master Sgt. Justin Lewis, 37 TRG

First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Jennifer Attridge, 737 TRG

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Cassandra Ayala, 737 TRG

Field Grade Officer: Maj. Maxim Olivine, 637 TRG

Civilian, Non-supervisory, Category I: Jennie Lee, 737 TRG

Civilian, Non-supervisory, Category II: Ricardo Marquez, 37 TRG

Civilian, Non-supervisory, Category III: Anita Conder, IAAFA

Civilian, Supervisory, Category I: Thomas Ybarra, 37 TRG

Civilian Supervisory, Category II: Joseph Graham, 37 TRG

Civilian Supervisory, Category III: Rhonda Clayton-Ravenel, 37 TRG

Spouse of the Year: Ashley Olivine, 637 TRG

Key Spouse of the Year: Cheri Gora, 737 TRG

2022
**ANNUAL
AWARD
WINNERS**

MORE PHOTOS [HERE](#) 



3,2,1...SHOOT!



Staff Sgt. Karen Reyes, 837th Training Squadron, poses for a photographer during a photo shoot supporting Air Force Recruiting Service at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, March 30, 2023. The photo shoot is part of the AFRS' Performance Lab.


 by Vanessa R. Adame



NEWS FROM AROUND THE 37TH TRAINING WING

An all-female Military Training Instructor mass marched in the 323rd Training Squadron graduation at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, March 22-23, 2023, in honor of Women's History Month. More than 500 Airmen assigned to the 323d TRS graduated. Col. Catherine M. Logan, Commander, 11th Wing, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., reviewed the ceremony.



 by Vanessa R. Adame

NEWS FROM AROUND THE 37TH TRAINING WING



by Gregory Walker



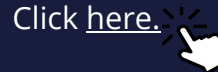
by Gregory Walker



by Vanessa Adame

Airmen from across Second Air Force competed in the Spring 2023 Invitational Drill Down, hosted by the 37th Training Wing, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Mar. 11. Teams from the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; 17 TRW at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, 82 TRW at Sheppard AFB, Texas, the 59 Medical Training Group at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; and the 37 TRW participated. The teams performed a precision drill and exhibition routine. The event also featured a performance from the Fredericksburg High School Red Hots dance team, the 341st Military Working Dogs and the University of Texas San Antonio Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors. The 82 TRW was awarded first place overall, followed by the 37 TRW placing second and the 81 TRW placed third. The annual event displays military drill and ceremony procedures and promotes esprit de corps and morale.

Check out the entire album of photos.
Click [here](#).



by Christa D'Andrea

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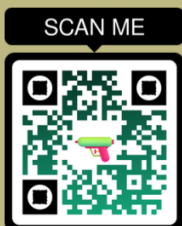
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37TH TRAINING WING COMBAT DINING OUT AND KINDER WARS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

1400 - 1430: KIDS SOCIAL
1430 - 1800: KIDS EVENT

1430 - 1530: ADULT SOCIAL
1530 - 1800: MAIN EVENT



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WING EVENTS CALENDAR

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS FOR APPROVAL

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YOUR MOBILE HOMESCREEN

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37 TRW Human Performance Directorate Lunch & Learn Series



Relationships Sending You An SOS? Enhance personal, social, and work alliances with more back to basics

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR

PART II, RELATIONSHIP BUILDING:

Join us as Maj Ocelnik from the
737 TRG continues the
conversation with an emphasis on
Conflict Resolution Skills

April 20, 2023, From
1130am to 1230pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 161 106 8144
Passcode: 436843

Questions? Contact us at: ☎ 210-671-1906

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**2022 General Larry O. Spencer Innovation Award,
37 TRW Nominee**
323 TRS Team, 737 TRG

**2023 Federal Asian Pacific American Council
Military Meritorious Service Award,
37 TRW Nominee**
Master Sgt. Joel Mansapit, 737 TRG

**2023 Blacks in Government,
37 TRW Nominee**
Tech. Sgt. Justin L. Gachett, 37 TRG

**2023 Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award,
37 TRW Nominee**
Master Sgt. Marquitta Stubbs, 37 TRG

**Language Professional of the Year,
37 TRW Nominee**
Staff Sgt. Raymond Carrasquillo-Herrera, IAAFA



JOIN US!

7 Apr, 0800
Check the Wing
Events Calendar
for location

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT



April 14th

1730 Resource Fair
1800 Presentation/Walk
JBSA-Lackland
1701 Kenly Ave

Come support your fellow teammates as we honor sexual assault survivors and raise awareness for respect, intervention and support for those affected. Info tables and activities will be followed by a survivor testimony and 1.2 mile walk honoring survivors and empowering all of us to continue the fight against sexual assault! Food truck will be available. Open to all JBSA members and families. For info, contact 210-808-0110/0177 or charlotte.moerbe-dimmitt@us.af.mil.

Hosted by the 502nd Air Base Wing and 37th Training Wing



29 April 2023

2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
JBSA-LACKLAND PARADE FIELD

Open to JBSA

Food trucks

Games

Demos

Activities

Wear purple

Purple
Up
for military kids' 23



HOSTED BY THE 37TH TRW

OFF TO BASIC AT LACKLAND 1954

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MARY ANN PUGH - SAGINAW, MI - 1954 TO LACKLAND FOR BASIC