



Combatives Course certifies instructors

Approximately 20 members across Joint Base San Antonio participated in a combatives course hosted by the 343rd Training Squadron Oct. 3, 2022.

The skills taught included a combination of Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai, Weapons Retention, and control techniques.


The course certified Master level instructors to teach at their home units.

 by Daniel Cruz
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Basic Military Training trainees from the 433rd Training Squadron use their iPads as a hands-on learning tool during a block of instruction that covers the fundamental facts of Law of War at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, July 21, 2022. BMT partnered with Memrei.ai Cerego, which creates an adaptive learning experience that replaces the workbook approach to learning.

Basic Military Training digitizes curriculum

 and story by Joe Gangemi
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The days of carrying around your black portfolio with bulky study materials are over. On Sept. 13, 2022, Basic Military Training completed the transition to a digital campus by issuing over 500 tablets to Airmen in their first week of training.

With that final distribution, all eight BMT line squadrons are now delivering curriculum to Airmen and Guardians using an adaptive learning application and background software, which enables a small information technology team to manage thousands of devices with the MaaS 360 program.

BMT completed a two-year, \$4 million initiative to connect the campus and enable digital delivery of the curriculum. This expansion of communications infrastructure lays the foundation for a BMT Smart Campus and supports the 750 mobile devices currently used by military training instructors and staff, as well as the 7,000 tablets for trainee use.


[Read the entire story here.](#)





Clockwise from Top Left: Col. José Jiménez Jr., IAAFA commandant, speaks to members of the Paraguayan Air Force at the NCO Academy in Luque, Paraguay; Col. José Jiménez, Jr., IAAFA commandant, stands at attention with Gen. Arturo González Ocampo, Commander of the Paraguayan Air Force, and Gen. Ruben Dario Piris Fernandez, Vice Commander of the Paraguayan Air Force, (bottom left) A Paraguayan dancer twirls her dress during a performance in Asunción, Paraguay, (bottom left) Col. José Jiménez, Jr., IAAFA commandant, grips the control of a flight simulator, as members of the Paraguayan Air Force look on at Base Aerea de Concepción, Sept. 16, 2022.

IAAFA leaders visit Paraguay in strategic visit

 and story by Vanessa R. Adame
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CONCEPCION AIR BASE, PARAGUAY – Inter-American Air Forces Academy leaders met with Paraguayan Air Force officials in a strategic visit to Paraguay, Sept. 14 to 16.

Col. José Jiménez, Jr., IAAFA commandant and Chief Master Sgt. Emilio Avila, IAAFA Senior Enlisted Leader, visited with Gen. Arturo González Ocampo, Commander of the Paraguayan Air Force, Col. Jorge Ramirez, commander of the Flying Training Group, and Brig. Gen. Roberto José Idoyaga Benitez, commander of the Aeronautical Training Command.

During the two-day visit, the leaders toured the Aeronautical Training Command, the NCO academy and the Flying Training Group at Concepción Air Base. In addition to learning about the infrastructure, the IAAFA delegation met with the professionals who executed the missions, many of them former IAAFA graduates, who shared their experiences of how the academy helped in their development as leaders.


“I want to thank IAAFA for having provided me the academic knowledge and the opportunity to make friendships with others who also had the privilege to study at your prestigious academy,” said González, who is also a two-time graduate of IAAFA. “It is a great value as commander of the Paraguayan Air Force.”

Master Sgt. Derlis Manuel Rojas, of the Paraguayan Army, stood in front of a packed auditorium at the Aeronautical Training Command to share how IAAFA influenced him as a young leader seven years prior. At the time, Rojas was a young sergeant in the Inter-American Airman Leadership School course. He credits that course for teaching him the value of teamwork.

“It taught me that everyone has the ability to make decisions,” Rojas said. We make decisions as a team, not on one’s own, simply by being the highest ranking.”


Today, working as a general assistant in the joint chief’s staff command office, Rojas recalls the lessons he learned at IAAFA.

“In my country we lead differently,” Rojas said. “Coming back, I’ve tried to implement transformational leadership as much as I could on my level.”

Read the entire story [here](#) 



All Spouse Meet Up brings 37 TRW families together

 and story by Christa D'Andrea
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The 344th Training Squadron hosted the 37th Training Wing's third All Spouse Meet Up here Sept. 28.


More than 30 Gateway Wing families had the opportunity to explore the 344 TRS hangar and partake in food and fun. The 341st Training Squadron also treated attendees to a military working dog demonstration and had foster puppies on-hand as well.

The purpose of the All Spouse Meet Up is to bring families closer together and provide information about programs and helping agencies available to them. The events are held quarterly and rotate between the wing's groups to expose families to the diversity of missions.



Tech. Sgt. Demetrius Ingram, 344 Training Squadron Assistant Flight Chief, poses at the 344th TRS hangar Oct. 4, 2022, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Staff Sgt. Megan Hein, 343rd Training Squadron Military Training Flight Military Training Leader, stands in front of a building Oct. 6, 2022.

Military Training Leaders share experiences as Force Generators

 and story by C Arce
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The buzz word going around Air Education and Training Command, “Force Generator,” is composed of various developmental special duty positions held by hand-picked, multi-capable Airmen.

Here at the 37th Training Wing, there are 48 military training leaders, whose mission is to mentor, train, and lead Airmen in technical training. MTLs are Force Generators who train approximately 30,000 Airmen in 49 different locations that fall under AETC.

Below is a snapshot of seven MTLs who shared why their hard work as a Force Generator isn’t only important to the overall success of our newest Airmen, but especially to ensure they are operational-ready.

Senior Master Sgt. DeWon Rucker, 343rd Training Squadron Military Training Flight Superintendent

Rucker, who joined the Air Force in December 2003, believes that being an MTL gives him the opportunity to develop the next CMSAF.

“There’s no way I’d pass up the chance to be a very small part of that kind of legacy,” he said. “I want to push my MTLs to achieve greatness and develop our Airmen to want to be great.”

Rucker added that as a Force Generator, it means he gets to see the impact of what they do on a daily basis. “Knowing that the Air Force continues to thrive directly because of the work we do is why MTLs are the most vital piece of the Air Force puzzle, and why this is the world’s greatest Air Force,” he added.

Additionally, he and his team implemented “Next-Level Mentorship.” They discuss various topics with Airmen that can better prepare them for life in the Air Force, such as learning how to read their leave and earnings statements or how to navigate the assignments system.

Master Sgt. Marquitta Stubbs, 343rd Training Squadron Military Training Flight Chief

Wanting to follow in her father’s footsteps, Stubbs joined the Air Force in March 2003. She shared the best thing about being an MTF chief is the teaching moments she has with Airmen. No matter how long the days are and how demanding the work can be, she said MTLs are driven to produce operational-ready Airmen.

“Being a Force Generator to me means having a platform to build, shape and influence our future leaders of the Air and Space Force,” she said. “We help set the tone for the start of their careers.”

Stubbs is working with a team of other senior non-commissioned officers in other DSDs to develop a Security Forces wellness app. The goal is to bridge the gap by providing real-time resources for defenders when assistance may not be easily accessible.

Additionally, Stubbs is working on another project to help MTLs specifically. “The MTL care plan is designed to make sure we are able to take a knee when needed, have work/life balance, to ensure we are continuing to develop ourselves as SNCOs/NCOs [senior non-commissioned officers/non-commissioned officers], and to prepare us to be ready for operational at the end of our tour,” she added.

Tech Sgt. Dominique Fields, 343rd Training Squadron Military Training Flight Military Training Leader

Fields joined the Air Force in February 2013 knowing that he wanted his life and name to be meaningful.

“There’s nothing more meaningful to the Air Force than impacting and developing its newest members,” he shared. “Being a Force Generator is one of the highest honors you can obtain in an Air Force uniform, and there’s nothing else I’d rather do for the Air Force. I’m extremely blessed to be in this position.”

[Read the entire story here.](#) 

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Col. Lauren Courchaine, 37th Training Wing commander, stands with Staff Sgt. Erik Garduno of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, after awarding Garduno with a coin, during a visit to International Student Support, Oct. 14, 2022.

by Vanessa Adame



An audience member dances with a member of San Antonio's Rey Feo court during an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Joint Base San-Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Oct. 14, 2022. The event was hosted by the 637th Training Group's Diversity and Inclusion Council and featured singer Claudia Perez, award-winning recording artist Dr. Patsy Torres, and San Antonio's Rey Feo Court Members. by Vanessa Adame



Rey Feo Augustine "Augie" Cortez, Jr. speaks during an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Oct. 14, 2022. The event was hosted by the 637th Training Group's Diversity and Inclusion Council and featured singer Claudia Perez, award-winning recording artist Dr. Patsy Torres, and San Antonio's Rey Feo court members. by Vanessa Adame



Lt. Col. Ronald Barnhart (far left), incoming commander of the 318th Training Squadron, receives the guidon from Col. José Jiménez, Jr., IAAFA commandant, Oct. 4, 2022. Pictured on the right, Airmen with the 318th TRS render the first salute to the incoming squadron commander.

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318th Training Squadron gains new commander

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas - The 318th Training Squadron recently welcomed a new commander during an assumption of command ceremony, Oct. 4, 2022. Dozens of people gathered at the IAAFA Airfield Training Complex as Lt. Col. Ronald Barnhart officially took command of the 318 TRS. Distinguished guests included Col. Lauren Courchaine, 37th Training Wing commander, and George Ganon, Director of the International Training and Education for Air Education and Training Command.

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All service members are invited to participate. Click on each of the events to register and/or go to the [CAM Website](#) to see more events.



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