



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL (sel) MELCHIZEDEK “KATO” T. MARTINEZ

Colonel (sel) Martinez is currently assigned as the Chief, Gold Star Family Programs, Airman & Family Care Directorate, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Randolph Air Force Base, TX. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Deputy Commander, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group, 67th Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland Air Force Base, TX. Previous to this assignment, he was the United States Military Assistant to the 4-star NATO Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Headquarters, Brunssum, the Netherlands.

Colonel(sel) Martinez entered active duty in 1990 as an enlisted Medical Laboratory technician. He later received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1997. He has held numerous leadership positions at the Sub-Unified Command, MAJCOM, Warfighting HQ and squadron levels. Significantly, he has served as the NATO LNO to the Commander, HQ Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan; the Director of Support, Counterterrorism Task Force 508, Special Operations Command Pacific; Chief of Combat Search & Rescue Systems Branch, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command; deployed Director of Communications for the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component for Afghanistan & Iraq; and finally, Director of Communications for Operation DAMAYAN, the humanitarian operation in the Central Philippines. Colonel(sel) Martinez is a graduate of the US Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School at Quantico, VA. He wears the master Cyber Officer Insignia, the Operations Support Badge and the Commander’s Insignia. Lieutenant Colonel Martinez is also designated as an U.S. Air Force Political-Military Strategist.



Colonel(sel) Martinez is married to the former Gail Bandong Minglana of Corpus Christi, Texas. He has four children: Kianni (19), Kimo (14), Noelani (11) and Kailani (9).

EDUCATION

1995 Associate Applied Science Medical Lab Technology Community College of Air Force
1997 Bachelor of Science Theoretical Mathematics, University of Texas @ San Antonio
2002 Squadron Officer School (Resident), Maxwell AFB, AL
2003 U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA
2006 Joint Special Operations Air Component Course, JSOU, Hurlburt Fld, FL
2006 Special Operations Liaison Element Course, JSOU, Hurlburt Fld, FL
2007 Advanced Communications Officer Training (ACOT), Keesler AFB, MS
2007 Masters of Arts, International Relations, University of Oklahoma
2008 Air Command and Staff College (ACSC – IDE Non-resident/JPME I), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
2010 Joint Combined Warfighting School (Resident – JPME II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk NS, VA
2012 Masters of Arts, National Security Studies, (IDE Resident), Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA
2016 Air War College (AWC – SDE Non-resident), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

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| Aug 1991 – Aug 1995 | Medical Laboratory Journeyman, Brooks AFB, TX |
| Jun 1997 – Sep 1997 | Student, Basic Comm Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS |
| May 1997 – May 1998 | Chief, Network Control Center, Aviano AB, IT |
| June 1998 – Sep 2000 | Flight/CC, Plans and Programs/Chief, Aviano 2000 Cell, Aviano AB, IT |
| Sep 2000 – Apr 2002 | Network Systems Engineer/Chief, Net Ops, AFRL, Mesa, AZ |
| Apr 2002 – Jul 2003 | Communications and Installations Systems Officer (CSO), AFRL, Mesa, AZ |
| Aug 2003 – May 2004 | Student, US Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School |
| June 2004 – Sept 2005 | Chief, Combat Search and Rescue Systems Branch, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field |
| Sept 2005 – Oct 2007 | Chief, Operations Division – A6, Air Force Special Operations Forces, Hurlburt Field |
| Feb 2006 – Jun 2006 | Director of Communications, Combined Joint Spec Ops Air Component, IZ/AFG |

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| Oct 2007 – Feb 2008 | Chief, Force Mgt Branch, Plans & Resources Division, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field |
| Feb 2008 – Jun 2010 | Chief, Net Ops Div/Chief, Tactical Comm Plans, HQ SOCPAC, Camp Smith, HI |
| Jun 2010 – Nov 2010 | Director of Support, CT JTF 508, HQ SOCPAC, Camp Smith, HI |
| Jan 2011 – Mar 2012 | Graduate, Naval Postgraduate School Nat'l Security Studies Program, Monterey, CA |
| Nov 2013 – Dec 2013 | Director of Communications A6, JACCE/AFFOR, Operation DAMAYAN, Philippines |
| Jun 2012 – Jun 2014 | Commander, 644 th Combat Communications Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam |
| Jul 2014 – Dec 2015 | Civ-Mil LNO to Int'l/Non-gov't Orgs, Joint Forces Cmd HQ, Brunssum, Netherlands |
| Feb 2015 – Jul 2015 | NATO LNO to the Commander, HQ Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan |
| Dec 2015 – Jun 2016 | U.S. Military Assistant (Executive Officer) to the Commander, Joint Forces Cmd HQ |
| Jun 2016 – May 2017 | Patient, Airmen Medical Transition Unit, 59 th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB, TX |
| May 2017 – Jun 2018 | Deputy Commander, 26 th Cyber Ops Grp, 67 th Cyber Wing, JBSA-Lackland, TX |
| Jul 2018 – Present | Chief, Gold Star Family Programs, AFPC, JBSA – Randolph, TX |

MAJOR AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Purple Heart
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star device
 Kosovo Campaign Medal with one bronze star device
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star device
 Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star device
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal with one bronze star device
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Air and Space Campaign Medal
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
 NATO Medal with two bronze star devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

OFFICER:

2013 11th Air Force Cyberspace Operations Outstanding FGO of the Year, Andersen AFB, GU
 2006 HQ AFSOC/A6 Comm and Information CGO of the Year, Hurlburt Field, FL
 2006 HQ AFSoF (Warfighting HQ), Comm and Information CGO of the Year, Hurlburt Field, FL
 2005 HQ AFSoF (Warfighting HQ), Comm and Information CGO of the Year, Hurlburt Field, FL
 2005 HQ AFSOC/SC Company Grade Officer of the Year, Hurlburt Field, FL
 2000 USAFE Comm and Info Workcenter of the Year - Aviano 2000 Cell – (Team Chief)
 2000 USAFE Comm and Info Professional Award – Aviano AB, IT
 1999 USAFE Comm and Info Workcenter of the Year - Plans and Implementation Flight (Flt CC)
 1997 USAFE Comm and Info Workcenter of the Year - AF Network Control Center (NCC Chief)
 1999 31st Fighter Wing Comm and Information CGO of the Year, Aviano AB, IT
 1998 16th Air Force Comm and Information CGO of the Year, Aviano AB, IT
 1997 Distinguished Graduate, Basic Comm Officer Training, Keesler AFB
 1996 Distinguished Graduate, AFROTC Field Training Lackland AFB

ENLISTED:

1995 Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School, Kelly AFB
 1993 Athlete of the Year, AO Directorate, Brooks AFB
 1993 Airman of the Year, Armstrong Laboratory, Brooks AFB
 1993 Airman of the Year, AO Directorate, Brooks AFB
 1992 Airman of the Year, AOE Division, Brooks AFB
 1991 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone, Brooks AFB
 1990 Honor Graduate, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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| Second Lieutenant | 28 May 1997 |
| First Lieutenant | 28 May 1999 |
| Captain | 28 May 2001 |
| Major | 01 Feb 2007 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | 01 Apr 2012 |
| Colonel | 01 Oct 2018 |