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2012 USAF International Affairs Excellence Award

Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Grant Hargrove, Commander, Provincial Reconstruction Team Nangarhar, Forward Operating Base Finley-Shields, Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on his selection as the 2012 USAF International Affairs Excellence Award recipient. Lt Col Hargrove expertly commanded an 88-person joint multi-agency team comprised of Army, Air Force, Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, and Department of Agriculture personnel. He orchestrated over 300 combat patrols and 200 key leader engagements to enhance security capacity, facilitate governance and development initiatives, and deliver essential services for 2.7 million people across 22 districts. His leadership was instrumental in revitalizing reintegration programs, guiding public works projects, and influencing skills training for former insurgents, which increased provincial stability and contributed to long-term development programs.

Lt Col Hargrove was presented with the 2012 USAF IA Excellence Award at the annual Air Force Association Opening and Award Ceremony held in conjunction with the 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, 16-18 September 2013 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center on the Potomac, in National Harbor. His name will be displayed on a plaque outside the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs.



From left to right: AF Association chairman of the Board George K. Muellner, Lt Col Grant Hargrove, Acting AF Secretary Eric Fanning, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

USAF International Affairs Excellence Award Nominees

All 2012 USAF International Affairs Excellence Award nominees have significantly contributed to the USAF ability to build global partnerships, international relationships, and partnership capacity.

- Capt Roy R. Byrd, AFMC
- Lt Col Todd D. Fleming, USAFE-AFRICA
- Lt Col Michael S. Gerney, US NATO
- Mr. Steven M. Grupenhagen, SAF/AQ
- Mr. Zachary Hickman, AFCLC
- Lt Col Benjamin R. Jonsson, JCS
- Maj Barney T. King II, AFSOC
- Maj Walter J. Lesinski, AF/A9
- Mr. Richard D. Mardis, USCENTCOM
- Maj Marc K. Milligan, AFDW
- Maj Carol L. O'Neil, USEUCOM
- Maj David L. Ozmen, AFSPC
- Col Hans F. Palaoro, 55WG
- Lt Col Michael B. Parks, SAF/IA
- Col Stephen C. Platt, 466 AEG
- Maj Eric L. Westby, AF/SE

IA Community News

Long Range Systems International Program

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's (AFLCMC) Long Range Systems International Branch India, Integrated Product Team (IPT) solved a critical issue of reliably delivering FMS assets to the transport-challenging country of India by planning, scheduling, and off-loading in India the first ever Special Assigned Airlift Mission (SAAM) in support of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon (SFW)/Jaguar Aircraft Integration LOA. The mission was completed smoothly and all cargo was delivered to the Indian Air Force at Jamnagar Air Force Station with no issues. The C-17 from Travis AFB landed at Jamnagar on 15 Feb, was off loaded and departed 3 hours later. To successfully execute this critical, time sensitive mission, India IPT members had to coordinate cargo staging at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma, transportation to Travis AFB for pallet build up, build up the pallets and prepare roll on-roll off cargo for loading on the C-17 at Travis AFB. In addition, IPT members were in place for aircraft loading at Travis and mission departure, while at the same time additional team members were coordinating final arrival details in New Delhi at Indian Air Force Headquarters and at Jamnagar AFS, India. The weapons delivered on this initial SAAM were immediately used for preliminary physical fit checks on the Jaguar aircraft, the vital first step in the integration of the CBU-105 SFW on the Jaguar aircraft and eventual initial operational capability with the Indian Air Force.

A Message from Ms. Tina Konjic, Air Force Life Cycle Management, Business Operations Branch, Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP), Class of 2013 Graduate

GMAP has fulfilled all of my expectations and MUCH more. It has allowed me to continue to work and pursue a Masters from one of the most distinctive graduate schools of international affairs. The rigorous and interdisciplinary nature of the program has allowed me to analyze global matters through a different set of economic, political, security, and leadership lenses broadening my worldview and deepening my understanding of global challenges. The top-notch professors and international class allow for diverse viewpoints and profound discussions relevant to current international issues and events that would be hardly possible in any other forum. The continuous interaction, team projects, and knowledge sharing between classmates have greatly influenced my knowledge and personal life and created relationships that will last a lifetime.

Finally, the overseas residency is an amazing way to not only analyze and learn about a country but also immerse oneself in the cultural, economic, and political life. Political speakers are invited, international and government organizations are visited, and an opportunity is provided to experience the culture and economy. A priceless experience makes the GMAP program one of a kind.



Ms. Konjic at the Assembly of the Republic (Portuguese Parliament) in Lisbon, Portugal

GMAP is a 12-month, three trimester, course of study in International Affairs leading to a Global Master of Arts degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

For information on the GMAP program, please visit:

<http://www.safia.hq.af.mil/workforceinitiatives/gmapoverview.asp>

Civilian Developmental Education (CDE)

First Civilian to Complete Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) Program

Mr. Coyt Hargus, Deputy Director, Air Combat Command, International Affairs (ACC/IA) had the privilege of being invited to attend the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) at the National Defense University's (NDU) Joint Forces Staff College at Norfolk, VA. JAWS is an eleven month, single phase senior-level school focused on educating expert joint campaign planners, and is a key component of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's vision for an expansion and improvement of Joint Professional Military Education (JPME). The Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Defense Intelligence Agency all fill annual student quotas for JAWS; however, Mr. Hargus is the first DoD/DAF civilian to graduate JAWS. NDU awarded a Master of Science degree in National Strategy and Campaign Planning.

Civilians should participate in the force development process by submitting a Civilian Development Plan (CDP) to afford opportunities such as the JAWS program. Active involvement in your career development keeps you competitive for promotions and advanced development opportunities. Every year, the IACF Development Team reviews members' CDPs; provides recommendations/vectors for corporate AF development opportunities; and selects members for internal training, leadership and management development and AF career broadening allocations.

If you are a member of the International Affairs Career Field and interested in submitting a CDP go to <https://www.t-cdp.hq.af.mil> and complete NLT 15 Jan 14.

International Affairs Certification Program

In February and June 2013 the IA Certification Review Board met and approved the following applicants: Congratulations to all!

February 2013 IACP Recipients		
Level I		
Foris Anctil	MSgt Kimberly S. Paradise	Capt Martha G. Maldonado
Susan M. Ashworth	Jonathan M. Passage	Shirley A. Morrison
Caroline D. Atwell	Michelle Ray	Maj Keith J. Murphy
Capt Christopher M. Bailey	Capt Cassandra B. Renfroe	Otis L. Nance, Jr
Ariel A. Bambrough	Anna M. Rivera	Charles B. Nichols
Kevin P. Barry	Jason M. Ryan	John C. Petersen
Alan K. Beaty	Jill B. Sater	Laine M. Rupper
Bernadette D. Berger	Patrick L. Saunders	Jerry T. Slaughter
Rena G. Boggs	Ryan M. Schiller	Susan M. Slaughter
Nannette L. Burge	Justin D. Slone	Maj Meridee J. Trimble
Kristi L. Chase	Ronald L. Smith	Lt Col Eric D. Trismen
Dawn A. Dallanegra	Mary E. Stripinis	Mattie R. Walker
Lynn A. Dalton	Christopher D. Swartling	Maj Shonry O. Webb
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Glynn R. Firmin	Level II	Maj Johnathan M. Artis
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Lt Col Allen Gradnigo	Relisca R. Carpenter	Tressie C. Easterwood
Ronald Hector	Sandra Farley	Oscar Hardaway
Ricky C. Hope	Malisa L. Freeland	Robin L. Kaiser
Joseph H. Jackson Jr.	John M. Gadsby	Stephanie Kanistros
Jennifer Y. Jenkins	Lisa A. Howell	Kendra L. Kershner
Tonish E. Jones II	Robin R. Johnson	Karen M. Molloy
Edward B. Kinsey	Jimmy R. Jones	Roxane M.G. Porter
Steven Kite	Karen S. Kelley	Jeffrey W. Scohy
Justin J. Links	Chris W. Kidd	Michele L. Simons
Jody L. Munson	Michael T. Laney	Alice H. Wakefield
	Hansen L. Mak	

June 2013 IACP Recipients

Level I

Adam D. Ackley
John Alls
Bridgette Baldwin
Stacie Barnes
Richard M. Basak
Angelia D. Coleman
Vincente Collins
William A. Crenshaw
Jill B. Davis
Laurel Derrow
Jesse T. Dewberry
Michael P. Duffy
William A. Ferro
Thomas D. Fox
Kristina M. Gurksnis
John R. Hall
Allan D. Harris
Lt Col Mark E. Heck
James C. Henderson
Ryan P. Kinnon
David C. Krick
Katherine Repic
Lt Col N. Aric Southworth
Sheras Spahija
Angela M. Swain

Marshall Tabor
Maj Marc A. Torosian
Lt Col Adam C. Tufts
John Western

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Lt Col Allison L. Agar
Eric Biglands
Allen R. Cherry, Jr.
Kelly L. Delaberta
Jack DeWell
Zhaleh T. Freels
Joseph P. Grof
Tera L. Huizenga
Julia J. Lands
Kelly Larson
Robert B. Melden
William J. Miller
MSgt Oscar Molina
Joseph A. Moore
Eugene B. Moty, Jr.
Khalid M. Musameh
Lee A. Neugin
David A. Newsom
Jack Nickell
Maj Karen L. Nuccitelli

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SMSgt Jessica Ruiz
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