



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES ARMY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LUIS D. MARTINEZ

Lieutenant Colonel Luis D. Martinez is the Vice Commander, 637th Training Group, and the Deputy Commandant, Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. He directs the Department of Defense English language training program which provides on-campus English language training to military and civilian leaders from over 110 countries annually and commands the associated U.S. Army Element.



LTC Martinez enlisted in the U.S. Army Puerto Rico National Guard in January 1996, attended the Military Police One Station Unit Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and served as an enlisted soldier for five years with the 544th MP Company, Camp Santiago, Salinas, Puerto Rico. LTC Martinez graduated from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico with a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems, and in January 2001 was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps as 2LT in the Corps of Engineers. He holds a master's degree in Organizational Development and Leadership from the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas, and is a graduate from the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, and Command and General Staff College. In 2003, deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2017, temporarily attached to U.S. Army North Engineers and deployed to Puerto Rico in support of operations post Hurricane Maria.

EDUCATION

2001 Advanced English Language Program, DLIELC, JBSA-Lackland, TX
2009 Company Commander's Course, Ft Jackson, SC
2011 Military Transition Team/Combat Advisor, Ft Polk, LA
2016 Joint Engineer Operations Course, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2016 Army Security Cooperation Planner's Course, Carlisle Barracks, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Nov 2001 – Feb 2003, Multi-Role Bridge Platoon Leader and Support Platoon Leader, 814th Multi-Role Bridge Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Polk, LA
2. Feb 2003 – Jan 2004, Company Executive Officer, Headquarters Support Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Polk, LA
3. Jan 2004 – Sep 2004, Battalion Intelligence Officer, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Polk, LA

4. Jun 2005 – Jun 2008, Assistant Brigade Operations Officer and Battle Captain, 18th Engineer Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany
5. Jun 2008 – April 2009, Assistant Brigade Operations Officer, 171st Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, SC
6. April 2009 – Aug 2010, Company Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4-10th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC
7. Oct 2010 – Dec 2011, Combat Advisor/Transition Team Senior Engineer Advisor to the Headquarters, Iraqi Federal Police, Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn
8. Dec 2011 – Jul 2014, Executive Officer, U.S. Army Miami Recruiting Battalion, Miami, FL
9. Jul 2014 – Jul 2015, Director of Engineers and Chief Current Operations, Joint Task Force-Bravo, Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras
10. Aug 2015 – Jul 2018, Operations Officer, Country Planner, and Chief Current Operations, Assistant Chief of Staff Engineers, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, TX
11. Jul 2018 – Jul 2019, Area Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Central America, U.S. Embassy-Tegucigalpa, Honduras
12. Aug 12, 2019 – Present Deputy Commander, 637th Training Group/Deputy Commandant DLIELC, JBSA-Lackland, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award)
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal (4th Award)
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Army Achievement Medal
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Army Meritorious Unit Citation
 Army Superior Unit Award (2nd Award)
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
 National Defense Service Medal
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star)
 Iraq Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star)
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Army Service Ribbon
 Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	January 28, 2001
First Lieutenant	July 28, 2002
Captain	June 1, 2004
Major	August 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel	August 8, 2018

(Current as of September 2019)