



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ANDREW A. CRUZ

Col Andrew A. Cruz is the Chief, Air Force Family Advocacy Program at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. Leads senior program management staff of 14 in delivery of services provided by over 500 personnel at 76 installations. Integrates nationally recognized research and community resilience initiatives with an operational focus via \$46M O&M budget. Oversees \$180M Air Force Family Advocacy contract. Guides DoD policy development with OSD, SAF/MR, various military departments and senior service counterparts. Provides consultation to AF/SG and MAJCOMs on identification, prevention and treatment of child and partner maltreatment. Col Cruz is married to Maria and has a daughter, Raeann, and son, Brandon.



PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY

EDUCATION:

- 1990 Bachelor of Social Work, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX
- 1991 Masters of Social Work, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX
- 2000 Squadron Officer School (In-Residence) Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Intermediate Executive Skills, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2012 Air War College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 AFFOR Intermediate Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2014 Masters of Strategic Studies, Army War College (Correspondence), Carlisle Barracks, PA
- 2015 Joint Senior Medical Leadership Course, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, VA
- 2018 Air Force Group Commander's Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2019 Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives Course, Washington D.C.
- 2020 Military Health System Capstone Course, Joint Medical Executives Skills Institute, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, VA.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1995-December 1997, Family Advocacy Officer, Brooks Air Force Base, TX
2. January 1998-May 2000, Chief, Family Advocacy, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
Operation Northern Watch, 1998-2000
3. June 2000-May 2002, Family Advocacy Program Director, Yokota Air Base, Japan
4. June 2002-Aug 2003, Life Skills Support Center Element Chief, Yokota Air Base, Japan
5. September 2003-July 2006, Clinical Department Head, Charleston Naval Consolidated Brig, SC
6. August 2006-July 2009, Mental Health Flight Commander, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
Bagram AB, Afghanistan, Det 3, Combat Stress Control Commander January-June 2007

7. August 2009-June 2011, Mental Health Flight Commander, McConnell Air Force Base, KS
Balad AB, Iraq, Combat Stress Control OIC, March-June 2010
Misawa AB, Japan, Operation TOMADACHI March-May 2011
 8. July 2011-July 2014, Chief of Mental Health Services, Headquarters Pacific Air Force
Command Surgeon General's Office, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam AFB, HI
 9. August 2014-July 2016, Commander, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS
 10. July 2016-July 2017, Chief, Air Force Programs for Families with Special Needs, Air Force
Medical Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
 11. June 2017-June 2018, Chief, Air Force Family Advocacy Program, Air Force Medical
Operations Agency, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
 12. June 2018-June 2020, Commander, 47th Medical Group, Laughlin AFB, TX
 13. June 2020-present, Chief, Air Force Family Advocacy Program, Air Force Medical Readiness
Agency, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
- April 2021-present, AF/SG appointed Air Force Social Work Associate Corps Chief

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Navy Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

MAJCOM CGO Social Worker of the Year 1999, 2001

Air Force Security Forces Center FGO SW of the Year 2003, 2004

Air Force FGO Social Worker of the Year 2005

HQ PACAF SG AO of the Year 2011, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION:

First Lieutenant	5 Mar 1994
Captain	5 Mar 1996
Major	1 Nov 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Jan 2010
Colonel	1 Apr 2017

(Current as of 19 May 2021)