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MRS. LORI A. PHIPPS

Mrs. Lori A. Phipps is Chief of the Department of the Air Force (DAF) School Liaison Program Division at the HQ Air Force Services Center (AFSVC), HQ Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC), Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. She is responsible for providing managerial and operational oversight of the DAF School Liaison Program, which encompasses PreK-12 Education, Public Schools on Military Installations (PSMI), and the Military & Family Life Counseling Program (MFLC).

In addition, she oversees the education, development, and training program for the School Liaison Program Managers, \$2M Educational Community Outreach programs, 64 PSMIs. Her program provides support to over 770K military connected families, 34K schools, educators, community stakeholders and installation support services for Commanders, Schools and installation personnel across all



Air Force Commands, U.S. Space Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard as well as all joint service component families. Division is an advocate at the State/National Level for legislation benefiting military-connected students, dedicated to ensuring equitable access to quality education, support services, and resources. Her division has increased the visibility of the direct link between PreK-12 Education, readiness & retention and recruiting the future of force structure. Implementing a data tracking system allowing for Command teams to work local PreK-12 initiatives with real time data. Expansion of education community partnerships and increasing transition programs in schools while providing Commanders the flexibility in the execution of the program has driven results in communities with issues of personnel turning down assignments due to education. Collaborated with Air University on the A+Toolkit for Command Teams and Spouses, providing key information into improving readiness and quality of life by enhancing K-12 education. Established crisis action response training requirements for manmade, natural disasters, pandemics and other situations impacting installations and local school districts.

Prior to her current position, Mrs. Phipps served as the Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland School Liaison Program Manager supporting over 35,000 military connected students in forty-two school districts. Her efforts resulted in legislation to ensure the state complied with the Military Interstate Compact as well as early registration and homeschool student support. She led a deployed team of five School Liaisons for Task Force HARP response to Hurricane Michael ten days after Tyndall AFB was destroyed. Her team was vital in ensuring the displaced students were quickly enrolled in their safe haven locations across 10 states, coordinating seamless efforts with the Department of Education with no school records, as well as providing additional resources for support to those families. In addition, she has served as a Youth Specialist, providing youth development capabilities through a system of quality, available and affordable programs.

Prior to her Civilian positions, Mrs. Phipps served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. During her active-duty career, she served as a Security Forces member, and was selected as the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructor for the Air Force. She was appointed the Installation Crime Prevention Manager and held other leadership positions.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science, Business and Management, University of Maryland University College, Okinawa, Japan
2020 Masters of Education Leadership, Concordia University Portland, Oregon

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. May 1988 – September 1995, Law Enforcement Officer, 87 Security Forces Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey





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2. September 1994 – May 2001, Director Child Care, Self-Employed, McGuire AFB, New Jersey & San Antonio, Texas
3. September 2001 – October 2003, Director, Youth Sports & Fitness Program, 18 Force Support Squadron, Okinawa, Japan
4. October 2003 – June 2005, Director, Youth Programs, 18 Force Support Squadron, Okinawa, Japan
5. June 2005 – February 2010, Youth Specialist, HQ Air Force Services Agency, Randolph AFB, TX
6. February 2010 – March 2019, School Liaison Program Manager, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
7. March 2019 – Present, Chief, DAF School Liaison Program Division, HQ AF Services Ctr, JBSA-Lackland, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Pacesetters in Excellence Award

Irving Rubenstein Memorial Award – Air Force

AF Civilian Achievement Award

Exemplary Civilian Service Award

Notable Achievement Awards (2)

National Alliance for Youth Sports – Excellence in Youth Sports for DoD

Best in Air Force – Youth Programs

502 ABW Civilian of the Year

AFIMSC Civilian of the Quarter

AFIMSC A1 Award Dr. Edwin C. Peterson Education & Training Manager of the Year (2024)

AFIMSC A1 Award General Billy J. Boles Mentorship Award (2025)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 Association of Defense Communities Installation Innovation Forum – Panelist - *Education Community Partnerships What's Working in the Community (Minot)*

2021 Association of Defense Communities Installation Innovation Forum – Moderator for Panel - *Showcasing Educational Partnerships in Action (Goodfellow, Holloman)*

2022 Military One Source Video Series, *Fast Five – Helping Educators Understand Military Life, What is a School Liaison Anyway?*

2023 College Board National Symposium, - *Navigating Post-Secondary Pathways for Military Connected Students*

2023 Military Child Education Distinguished Lecturer Annual Global Summit, *Identify Risk and Making Referrals for Mental Health and Behavioral Issues (Panel), What is a School Liaison from a Joint Service Perspective?*

2024 Military Child Education Distinguished Lecturer Annual Global Summit, *Enhancing & Sustaining Education Community Partnerships – Supporting Readiness, Retention and Recruiting*

(CURRENT AS OF FEB 2026)

