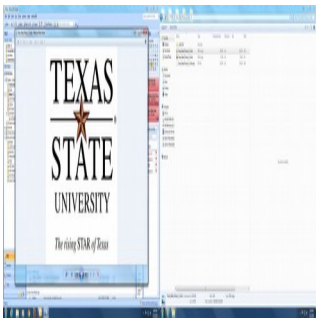






Capt Manuel A. Garcia
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Captain Manuel A. Garcia earned his commission into the United States Air Force through Officer Training School in 2016. He is a career Force Support Officer with experience across multiple organizational levels, from Squadron, Group, Wing, and Field Operating Agency. Prior to commissioning, he was a Liquid Fuels Systems Maintenance craftsman supporting multiple Civil Engineer Squadrons. Prior to his current position, he served as Section Commander for the AFROTC Southwest Region, providing A1 support to 37 G-series order commanders, spanning 11 states and liaising with 18 support installations to assist 245 assigned cadre. His officer assignments include supporting units in the Air Mobility Command, US Air Forces in Europe, and the Air Education and Training Command. Capt Garcia exercised roles as Section Commander, in different organizational levels, Executive Officer, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. During his 13 year tenure in the enlisted core, then MSgt Garcia, executed multiple leadership roles as a Civil Engineer craftsman, supporting in-garrison missions at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, Soto Cano, Honduras, and Spangdahlem Germany. His expeditionary experience includes deployment support at Balad, Iraq; Ali Al Salem, Kuwait; Arba Minch, Ethiopia, and multiple Spanish-driven language support missions.

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2005 Airmen Leadership School, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
2014 Bachelor of Science, Human Resource Management, Columbia Southern University (in correspondence)
2015 InterAmerican Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Bogota, Colombia
2016 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2017 Mortuary Officer Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2018 Masters of Business Administration, Human Resource Management, Columbia Southern University (in correspondence)
2019 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Maxwell AFB, AL
2022 InterAmerican Squadron Officer School, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 2016-Dec 2017, Chief, Readiness & Plans, 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
2. Dec 2017-Mar 2019, Chief, Military Personnel Section, 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
3. Mar 2019-Dec 2019, Section Commander, 305th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
4. Dec 2019-Jan 2021, Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
5. Jan 2021-Jun 2021, Branch Chief, Manpower Enterprise and Outreach, Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX
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