

LUIS MENDEZ

Servant Leader | UI/UX Designer | U.S. Air Force Chief



EDUCATION

University of Florida

Bachelor of Arts

Digital Arts and Sciences

2018

Community College of the Air Force

Associate in Applied Science,

Mechanical and Electrical Technology

2019

Hillsborough Community College

Associate in Arts

2013

USAF First Sergeant Academy

2017

SKILLS

Ceremony/Protocol Specialist

Training Event Facilitator

Conflict Resolution & Counseling

Leading Teams

DAF Innovator Grad

SBIR Evaluator

Creative artist

User Research/Rapid Prototyping

Software development

Electrical Mechanical Systems

Design/Sales/Marketing

TOOLBOX

HTML /CSS/Javascript/C#

ADOBE Photoshop/ Premiere Pro

After Effects/Illustrator

Figma

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

Servant leader with over 24 years of Military experience, 7 years as a First Sergeant serving at the Squadron, Group, and Wing level supporting Joint Warfighters. I currently serve as the Senior enlisted Leader of the Florida Air National Guard, JFHQ. I specialize in creative problem solving, crisis management, and team building within the U.S. Air Force. As a UX design professional, I conduct user research, ideation, and prototyping for Graphical User Interfaces utilizing sound Human Centered Design principles for an array of DoD applications supporting the US Cyber Command.

UI/UX DESIGN ENGINEER | Parsons Corporation

Tampa, FL

2022 - Present

- Responsible for human centered design decisions developing the software interfaces for DoD applications.

Sr. FIRST SERGEANT | Florida Air Guard

Jacksonville IAP | Germany | Macdill, AFB

2016 - 2023

Responsible for the morale, health, welfare, and discipline of the amazing Airmen of Florida. The Commanders trusted advisor, a mentor, and senior leader of the 125th Fighter Wing. President of the First Sergeants Council.

- WING - 125th Fighter
- WingGROUP - JCSE, Ops Group
- SQUADRON -290th JCSS and 125th AES

CIVIL ENGINEERING, POWER PRO | Florida Air Guard

Macdill, AFB | Arba Minch, Ethiopia | Djibouti Africa | St Kitts & Nevis | Iraq

2004 - 2016

Responsible for managing the electrical mechanical power requirements for expeditionary communication sites providing critical VOIP and secure internet in austere conditions as a DSG and Title 32 Technician.

PATRIOT MISSILES | U.S. Army

Fort Bliss, Tx | Marshall Islands | Kuwait | Iraq

2000 - 2004

- Iraq war invasion, first boots on ground protecting 1MEF with air cover.
- Combat Patch Awarded and Navy Presidential Unit Citation for actions against an armed enemy.
- Responsible for the electrical power of an Air Defense Artillery Patriot Missile defense Battery.

ALPHA NATION FOUNDER

2016-PRESENT

www.alphanationgear.com

- Creator of veteran inspired lifestyle brand of clothing.
- Sells, markets and distributes merchandise on a personally designed site.