

Luis Mendez

UI/UX Engineer | U.S. Air Force Chief | TS/SCI



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 College
Associate in Arts
2013
USAF First Sergeant Academy
2017

SKILLS

Human-Centered Design
User Research
UX Auditing & Heuristic Evaluation
Interaction Design
Rapid Prototyping
Design Systems
Information Architecture
Usability Testing
Senior Leadership & Advising
Cross-Functional Collaboration
Stakeholder Engagement
Team Development
Facilitation & Mentoring
Creative Problem Solving

TOOLBOX

HTML / CSS
Javascript/C#
React
Jira
Confluence
Figma
Adobe XD
Agile/SAFe
ADOBE creative suite
3D Modeling/animation

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

I'm a creative Software Designer and senior military leader of 25 years working on complex, mission-critical software for U.S. Cyber Command. I specialize in translating complex operational requirements into intuitive, human-centered experiences through user research, ideation, rapid prototyping, and close collaboration with operators, engineers, and stakeholders. I also currently serve as Chief Master Sergeant/ Senior Enlisted Leader of Joint Force Headquarters serving the amazing Airmen of Florida. I thrive at the intersection of technology, people, and creative problem solving.

UI/UX ENGINEER| Parsons Corporation

Tampa, FL
2022 - PRESENT

- Key personnel: Designs multiple mission-critical interfaces for U.S. Cyber Command and DoW cyber operations.
- Convert operator needs into intuitive, human-centered workflows.
- Collaborate with engineers and product teams to prototype, test, and refine applications.

SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER, CMSgt | Florida Air Guard

St Augustine, FL
2025 - PRESENT

- Advises senior leadership on enlisted readiness, development, morale, welfare, and force management across FLANG JFHQ.
- Represent enlisted perspectives in senior-level planning and organizational decision-making.
- Develop and execute initiatives that strengthen organizational culture, professional development, and mission readiness.

SENIOR FIRST SERGEANT | Florida Air Guard

Jacksonville IAP | Germany | Macdill, AFB
2016 - 2024

CIVIL ENGINEERING, POWER PRO | Florida Air Guard

Macdill, AFB | Arba Minch, Ethiopia | Djibouti Africa | St Kitts & Nevis | Iraq
2004 - 2016

PATRIOT MISSILES | U.S. Army

Fort Bliss, Tx | Marshall Islands | Kuwait | Iraq
• 2000 - 2004.

ALPHA NATION | FOUNDER/DESIGNER

2016-PRESENT

www.alphanationgear.com

- Founded and developed a veteran-inspired lifestyle brand, overseeing product design, branding, marketing, and e-commerce.
- Designed and managed the brand's digital presence while overseeing sales, fulfillment, and operations.