

DR. ALBERT "JIM" MARCKWARDT

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired

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- Over 29 years of leadership and academic experience spanning multiple areas of combat operations, security cooperation, international diplomacy, policy development, strategic advisory, logistics, and administration.
 - Proven success organizing and leading diverse groups through research, collaboration, and problem solving.
 - Excels at building diplomatic relationships to influence policy and strategy on a global scale. Effective at extracting strategic insights and presenting innovative recommendations to senior policymakers.
 - Globally diverse background bolstered through international deployments in the Middle East and Latin America.
- Areas of expertise include:*

Leadership | Policy & Strategy Development | International / Government Relations | Relationship Building
Writing & Research | Creative Problem Solving | Stakeholder Communications | Leadership Presentations

EXPERIENCE

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY | Washington, DC

Faculty Lead & Associate Professor – Institutional Capacity Building

7 MAY 2024 – Present

Designs and leads a comprehensive curriculum to train the Department of Defense security cooperation workforce to conduct defense institutional capacity building abroad. Coordinates and facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty and external partners, ensuring the integration of cutting-edge methodologies and best practices in defense education and training. Conducts advanced research and provides expert instruction in the development of defense institutions, defense governance, and institutional reform worldwide.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES | Washington, DC

Founder & Administrator – Latin America Studies Initiative (LASI)

1 AUG 2023 – Present

Founded and lead LASI, a research-driven initiative at SAIS dedicated to generating policy-relevant scholarship on Latin America. Directs the initiative's research agenda, which centers on security and strategy, democracy and authoritarianism, and energy transition. Cultivates a network of fellows, scholars, and practitioners to bridge academic insight with real-world policy application. Manages public programming, research grants, and stakeholder engagement to elevate the visibility and impact of Latin American studies within U.S. and hemispheric policy communities.

Faculty Co-Lead – Americas Focus Area

1 AUG 2023 – Present

Leads a multi-discipline group of faculty members to develop, manage, and assess a graduate curriculum of 19 classes focused on the Americas. Drives experiential learning initiatives, including capstone projects, student travel to Latin America, conferences, and a speaker series. Strategically manages the annual budget, programming, and research priorities for the Americas Focus Area, ensuring resource alignment with institutional goals and academic objectives. Spearheads the premiere annual Security Challenges in Latin America forum with the Inter American Defense College, addressing contemporary security issues in the region (2018-Present).

Adjunct Associate Professor – Americas Focus Area

21 AUG 2017 – Present

Teaches multiple classes at the top-ranking International Affairs graduate program: Security, Conflict, & Migration in Latin America which analyzes 50 years of political and security successes & challenges; Contemporary & Evolving Policy Challenges in Latin America which focuses on developing policies to address migration, corruption, and violence; Latin America Research Seminar that guides students in researching & writing their graduate capstone paper; Strategy & Statecraft for U.S. National Security, that covers strategic thinking & challenges in crafting national security strategies.

UNITED STATES ARMY | United States / Middle East / South & Central America

Country Director – Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy (Washington, DC) 25 OCT 2017 – 31 OCT 2021

Areas of Focus: Foreign Policy Development, International Relations, Strategic Planning, National Security

- Recruited by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere to formulate national and defense policy for Colombia and Venezuela, working closely with the Secretary of Defense and the State Department.
- Partnered with National Security Council to formulate foreign policy and strategy on behalf of the White House.
- Guided and oversaw military activities as part of a diplomatic approach to advance security cooperation, defense governance reform, training, weapon sales, human rights reform, and civil-military relations in the region.
- Promoted cooperation among surrounding nations to support key national objectives and policies.
- Developed policy to strengthen global intelligence and ensure Colombia's adherence to joint peace accord; deployed record levels of humanitarian assistance to aid surrounding governments impacted by Venezuela's mass migration.

Joint Strategic Intelligence Planner – Defense Intelligence Agency (Washington, DC) 17 MAR 2017 – 24 OCT 2017

Areas of Focus: Strategic Planning, Organizational Change, Leadership Communication, Complex Problem Solving

- Supported Chief of the Americas Regional Center with strategic intelligence mission planning.
- Led development of a long-term growth plan and implementation of a reorganization strategy for the regional intelligence center.
- Performed mission critical analysis of the center's core priorities and developed new strategic intelligence support plan.

Political Military Advisor/Liaison Office Director–U.S. Embassy (Tegucigalpa, Honduras) 8 FEB 2015-16 MAR 2017

Areas of Focus: International Relations, Management, Strategic Planning, Political / Military Advisory

- Directed a four-person liaison office in support of the US military's Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras by synchronizing military operations with US diplomatic initiatives and Honduran government priorities.
- Supported US government missions related to counternarcotics, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and defense institutional building throughout Central America.
- Served as political military advisor to Task Force leadership and staff regarding international relations with partner nations; provided political assessments to tailor missions to the needs of individual host countries in the region.
- Coordinated with US embassies across Central America to maintain ongoing alignment with Task Force initiatives.

Mexico Senior Leader Engagements Officer – US Army North (San Antonio, TX) 22 FEB 2012 – 31 DEC 2013

Areas of Focus: International Relations, Homeland Defense, Strategic Programs, Leadership Communications

- Planned and executed engagements for senior military/government personnel in the US and Mexico, working under the direction of a three-star General; travelled extensively to multiple military commands throughout Mexico.
- Served as a liaison between Mexican Security Forces and US Government agencies operating along the US/Mexico border and coordinated Mexican military involvement in US Army exercises.
- Identified opportunities to strengthen diplomatic relations; developed, presented and executed program proposals to leadership for exercises, engagements, security cooperation, and defense institutional building initiatives.

Foreign Area Officer – U.S. Embassy (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

01 JAN 2011 – 21 FEB 2012

Areas of Focus: Foreign Policy, International Relations, Political / Military Advisory, Leadership Communications

- Selected to serve as Foreign Area Officer under the State Department while attending Argentine Army War College.
- Traveled extensively throughout Latin America to receive briefings on current US policy, security cooperation, and political situations from US Embassies in each country (Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Chile).

Human Resources Manager (Alexandria, VA)

05 MAY 2009 – 31 DEC 2010

Areas of Focus: Resource Management & Optimization, Leadership Communications, Strategic Planning

- Managed the HR function and assignments for 6900 officers across three US military bases.
- Executed and adjusted personnel distribution plans to meet resource priorities and ensure operational readiness.
- Communicated with personnel managers at respective bases to ensure compliance with Army manning priorities.

Aide-de-Camp – 3rd Infantry Division (Baghdad, Iraq / Fort Stewart, GA)

2008 – 2009

Areas of Focus: Leadership Support, Logistics Management, Leadership Communications, Operations

- Selected by two-star General as executive assistant to support a division of 30,000 troops during domestic and foreign deployment; oversaw logistics related to scheduling, trainings, transportation, security, and social activities.
- Facilitated communication between the Commanding General, division leadership, and staff during combat operations abroad and domestically during training exercises to improve readiness.

Cavalry Troop Commander, B Troop, 3-7 CAV (Baghdad, Iraq / Fort Stewart, GA)

2006 – 2008

Areas of Focus: Operational Leadership, Security Operations, Economic Development, Training & Management

- Led 115 soldiers through deployment training, combat, and security operations in the northeast region of Baghdad; successfully implemented counter-insurgency strategy & counterterrorism in an area with over 100K civilians.
- Established security in the area while also promoting economic development through recruitment of local security forces; instituted a micro grant initiative to promote development of new local businesses.
- Supported local government in establishing essential services such as creating an operational clinic and establishing electricity services.

Squadron Logistics Officer (Baghdad, Iraq / Fort Stewart, GA)

2005 – 2006

Brigade Assistant Operations Officer – 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Fort Stewart, GA)

2004

Company Executive Officer – 2-82 Armor Battalion (Fort Knox, KY)

2002 – 2003

Platoon Leader – 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Egypt / Fort Carson, CO)

2000 – 2002

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Doctor of International Affairs Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies	2023
Master of International Public Policy Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies	2014
Graduate Escuela Superior de Guerra (Argentine Army War College)	2011
BA, International Business Florida International University	1999

HONORS

Johns Hopkins University Outstanding Recent Graduate Award | Bronze Star Medal | Defense Meritorious Service Medal | Meritorious Service Medal | Combat Action Badge | Ranger Tab

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Marckwardt, A., & Burgoyne, M. (2009). *Defense of Jisr Al Doreaa*. *University of Chicago Press*.

Chapters & Monologues:

Marckwardt, A. (2023). Can Sticks Make Carrots? The Economic Impact of Colombia's Defense Industrialization. *Johns Hopkins University*.

Marckwardt, A., & Gonzalez, F. (2019). Why is Mexico so Violent? Governors, Caciques, and Cartels. In *Mexico Under Misplaced Economies* (Chapter 6). *Routledge*.

Articles:

Marckwardt, A., & Burgoyne, M. (2024). Five Truths for Foreign Officers. *NDU Joint Forces Quarterly*.

Marckwardt, A., & Burgoyne, M. (2024). Blackjack. *Small Wars Journal*.

Marckwardt, A., & Burgoyne, M. (2023). Perspective: War with the Cartels Is More Complicated Than It Sounds. *Small Wars Journal*.

Marckwardt, A., & Burgoyne, M. (2019). Was it all Just a Dream? Revisiting The Defense of Jisr Al-Doreaa Ten Years Later. *Small Wars Journal*.

Marckwardt, A., & Burke, C. (2013). The Revenge of Geography: Why Mexico Matters. *Small Wars Journal*.

Marckwardt, A. (2011). Broadening the Army Officer for a New Tomorrow. *Armor Magazine*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Affiliations: Fisher House – Rockland, MD (2009 – Present); Big Brothers Big Sisters – Louisville, KY (Former)

Language Skills: Native Fluency in Spanish & English; Proficient in Portuguese

Security Clearance: Top Secret, SCI