

AACOG and JBSA Recognized for Partnership Excellence by the Air Force



Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) and the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) were recognized on Tuesday, September 20th, during a special presentation at the Air Force Association (AFA) Air, Space, and Cyber Conference in Washington, DC. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General C.Q. Brown presented a letter from Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall to Brigadier General Russell Driggers, Commander of JBSA and the 502d Air Base Wing, and Ms. Diane Rath, Executive Director of AACOG.

Secretary Kendall's letter reads in part "The blanket intergovernmental support agreement with the Alamo Area Council of Governments to receive goods and services...serves as an example to the Air Force of how to open the door to innovation through effective partnership with our communities...The work to connect Joint Base San Antonio to the community's water lines [a project sponsored by AACOG] increase mission resilience and supports efforts to improve allocation of resources." The Secretary closes the letter saying "Your hard work and outstanding stewardship in community partnership enables the Department [of the Air Force] to accelerate change and shape the Air and Space forces we need."

Later, Diane Rath, AACOG Executive Director, said "We are so proud and honored to be JBSA's partner, and to be recognized by the Secretary and Chief of Staff for our accomplishments. Our success is the result of years of hard work by JBSA, AACOG, and our member governments. While this presentation was occurring in Washington, AACOG and JBSA staff were meeting to discuss how the community might help JBSA in renovating dormitory housing for the tens of thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guardians, and Coast Guard personnel who live and work at JBSA. This recognition inspires us to persevere, and continue to enhance the ability of the Air Force and Department of Defense to support our Nation's readiness in the Alamo Region."