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JOANNA L. COLLINS, M.F.S.

EDUCATION

Master of Forensic Sciences – The George Washington University; Washington, DC, 2003

B.B.A., Management – Texas A&M University; College Station, TX, 1996

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Proven forensic science and investigative professional with accomplished background of 22 years of federal counterintelligence and criminal investigations, and supervisory experience specializing in child/adult sexual assault investigations, medico-legal death investigations, and child abuse investigations, program management, policy development, crime scene management and processing, evidence handling, investigative consultation, and testimony in legal proceedings. Specializing in criminal investigative and forensics related training course development and instruction, concentrating in medico-legal death investigations, sexual assaults, child physical and sexual abuse, death investigations (adult and child), crime scene investigations, and child forensic interviewing. Active fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Top Secret/SCI security clearance with current counterintelligence scope polygraph.
Disabled Veteran

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Partner and Founder – LINUS Investigations and Consulting (C04138501) (formerly LINUS Consulting Group, LLC); San Antonio, TX; Jan 2009 – Present: Professional forensic and investigative consultant with expertise in active and cold case consultation, expert testimony, and forensic training development and instruction. Specializing in medico-legal death investigations, sexual assault investigations, crime scene processing, child forensic interviews, and child physical/sexual abuse investigations. Retained and court appointed cases. In addition to 22 years in federal law enforcement, served as an expert consultant in forensic aspects of investigations in the private sector for over nine years. Recognized as an expert witness and has testified in that capacity at federal and state levels.

Reserve Special Agent (Col/O-6) – Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), 8th Field Investigations Region, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; June 2018 – present: Oversees all counterintelligence, counter-terrorism, force protection, and criminal investigations/operations at 2 Major Commands, 3 Numbered Air Forces, Headquarters US Northern Command, and the United States Air Force Academy. Leads over 200 investigative and support personnel at 17 geographically separated CONUS locations, as well as leading and mentoring 15 Commanders and Special Agents in Charge. Responsible for protection of 121,000 personnel and \$2.1 billion worth of space and nuclear assets/resources across Air Force Space Command and Air Force Global Strike Command. Provides strategic vision and guidance for wing-level operations and manages/directs the execution of \$650,000.00 operation and maintenance (O&M) funds.

Reserve Special Agent (LtCol/O-5) – Special Agent/Vice Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), 4th Field Investigations Region, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX; Oct 2014 – May 2018: Led 14 subordinate OSI elements located in six states. Set strategic organizational direction and applied fiscal and personnel resources to achieve complex mission objectives. Led major criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence operations and investigations. Advisor to senior DoD commanders/leaders within the Air Education and Training Command and interface with civilian law enforcement agencies. Requested to serve as AFOSI lead on high profile joint AFOSI/FBI/Texas Rangers/SAPD cold case child homicide investigation.

Reserve Special Agent (Lt Col/O-5) - Special Agent-in-Charge/Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), 11th Field Investigations Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio, TX; Dec 2012 – Sep 2014: Led AFOSI's largest and busiest investigative squadron with the responsibility to identify, exploit, and neutralize criminal, terrorist, and foreign intelligence threats to the Department of Defense (DoD) and the US Air Force; provides strategic direction and implements processes and procedures for unit operations/investigations and personnel to optimize operational effectiveness. Special Agent in Charge of multi-jurisdictional task force responsible for the oversight and direction of US Air Force sexual assault investigations involving Military Training Instructors and recruiters; investigative consultant to the Judge Advocate General's office; AFOSI representative to Congressional Oversight Committee on military sexual assaults; representative to the Congressional Response Systems Panel on Sexual Assaults in the Military.

Reserve Special Agent (Major/O-4) - Director of Operations, AFOSI, 11th Field Investigations Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio, TX; Jul 2011 – Nov 2012: Results-driven oversight of AFOSI's largest investigative squadron with the responsibility to identify, exploit and neutralize criminal, terrorist, and foreign intelligence threats in a 79-county area of responsibility. Credited with "total-force leadership" over counterintelligence, criminal, and fraud investigations and operations to protect US Air Force and DoD personnel and resources in support of Joint Base San Antonio.

Adjunct Professor - Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology; St. Mary's University; San Antonio, TX; Jan 2011 - May 2012: Instructor in undergraduate-level forensic sciences courses specializing in crime scene investigations and forensic laboratory techniques.

Reserve Special Agent (Major/O-4), Chief, Policy and Mission Assessments Division, Headquarters AFOSI, Quantico Marine Corps Base, VA; May 2009 - Jun 2011: Identified as "go-to" reservist to lead HQ division of 19 personnel responsible for researching, developing, and publishing command policy and guidance. Formulated US Air Force and AFOSI procedural guidance for conduct and documentation of criminal and counterintelligence investigations and inquiries. Vast experience in all AFOSI counterintelligence and criminal mission areas. Praised for standardization of training for entire federal law enforcement community program. Managed and executed \$1.6 million budget.

Reserve Special Agent (Major/O-4) – Forensic Sciences and Cold Case Program Manager; Headquarters AFOSI; Andrews AFB, MD; Oct 2007 – May 2009: Reserve Forensic Program Manager overseeing all aspects of AFOSI's policy development and implementation, training, and resource management for the worldwide delivery of forensic science support to major criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations. Oversaw compliance with DoD death investigations policies and served on the US Air Force Domestic Fatality Board. Tracked, analyzed, and briefed senior policy makers on trends pertaining to violent crimes affecting DoD and US Air Force personnel and resources. Re-wrote entire crime scene manual and forensic program policy for use by 1,800+ agent force in major crime scene investigations. Based on extensive case review, case consultation expertise, and vast liaison contacts within forensics and investigation community at local, state, and federal level – was by-name requested to develop policy and employment strategy for AFOSI's first-ever cold case program.

Adjunct Professor – Department of Forensic Sciences; The George Washington University; Washington, DC; Jan 2007 – Dec 2009: Instructor in graduate-level courses specializing in medico-legal death investigations and child abuse investigations.

Special Agent – Forensic Science Program Manager; HQ AFOSI, Andrews AFB, MD; Jul 2006 – Oct 2007: Proven, results-driven management and forensics background – led agency forensics division during critical transformation. Recognized for innovative overhaul of entire forensics program and labeled as “cornerstone” of DoD forensics community. Formalized Child Forensic Interview training program; re-wrote key agency instructions bringing methodology in-line with current forensics technology; analyzed and revised AFOSI’s evidence submission guidelines to the US Army Criminal Investigations Laboratory (USACIL), greatly enhancing case resolution timelines. Flawlessly managed \$1.4 million budget; 12 regional forensic science specialists covering Europe, Asia, and the United States; as well as 10 USACIL trace evidence and DNA analysts. Final reviewer of all adult and child death investigations for investigative sufficiency, and served on the US Air Force Domestic Fatality Board. Led joint agency effort on forensics entomology, presenting findings to members of the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS).

Special Agent-in-Charge/Commander, AFOSI Expeditionary Detachment 2402, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait; Nov 2004-Dec 2004: Deployed commander of major AFOSI unit directly responsible for counterintelligence support to all troop movement into and out of theater. Extensive national-level and foreign liaison with counterintelligence partners to ensure the safety and security of personnel and resources in the area of responsibility. Oversaw the operation of defensive counterintelligence operations, investigations, awareness programs, and insider threat mitigation. Advised theater leadership on actions to decrease vulnerabilities.

Special Agent – Regional Forensic Science Consultant, Far East Region; AFOSI, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Aug 2003 – Jul 2006: Sole agent responsible for forensics crime scene response, consultation, program, and case management. Directly consulted for over 140 agents over three year period; over 600 consults and crime scene responses for sexual assault, child abuse/child sex crimes, and death cases. Recognized by both US and Japanese law enforcement community as ‘first choice’ forensics expert – sole US representative on Japanese quadruple homicide; called to support several US/Japanese sexual assault, aggravated assault, and post-blast investigations. Devised and led first-ever entomology project establishing time of death determination through insect succession specific to Japan, setting baseline data for future Japanese law enforcement efforts. Recognized expert, orchestrating evidence analysis changing case law for first-ever conviction in military court for child erotica. Developed and conducted training for bio-hazard first responders, trained emergency room staff on proper sex case evidence collection processes, post-blast training for Japanese Self-Defense Force, created sexual assault training workshop for Pacific region DoD investigators, as well as joint forensics training in arson, rape, and sexual assaults. Hand selected by DoD to develop and deliver sexual assault investigations and crime scene training to Philippine National Police following high-profile rape investigation of US military member suspect botched by faulty investigation. Profiled for work on international, joint agency child porn case, and serial predator investigation. Recognized authority for Pacific Air Force Circuit Trial Counsel Conference on child abuse investigations and child forensic interviewing. Revalidated qualifications for Okinawan police crime lab for DoD use – expedited evidence processing for countless investigations. Consulted with combat theater investigators on post blast evidence identification and collection to include fingerprint evidence aiding in terrorism investigations.

Special Agent/Student – The George Washington University; Washington DC; May 2002 – Jul 2003: Selected for year-long scientific research project for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) related to forensic medicine with special emphasis on death investigations. Presented project “*A Comparison of the Light-Emitting Diode with the Mini-Crime Scope When Recovering Biological Evidence*” to AFOSI and AFIP resulting in purchase of new technology critical to evidence identification. Participated in over 100 autopsies at the Baltimore Medical Examiner’s Office and Dover AFB, port mortuary. Authored paper “*Sudden Infant Death Syndrome vs. Overlay,*” and presented project “*Child*

Abuse Injuries, How to Recognize Them,” which were lauded as outstanding by university and used as a key tool to AFOSI field investigative use. Awarded a one-year fellowship from the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, and completed internship in forensic medicine and medico-legal death investigations at the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office, Chicago, IL.

Special Agent-in-Charge/Commander – AFOSI Det 306, Dover AFB, DE; May 2000 – May 2002: Recognized leader responsible for driving 100% increase in investigative productivity within one year of assuming position. Hands-on management led to quick resolution of numerous high-profile investigations including child-death, joint agency narcotics, rape, murder, and a serial sexual predator and homicide investigation spanning a six-year period and crossing multiple states. Liaison and investigative skills proved invaluable in the resolution of a local murder investigation involving a US Air Force subject. Led joint fraud investigation recovering over \$500K, and spearheaded three joint narcotics task force operations resulting in multiple arrests.

Special Agent – Strategic Planning Division; HQ AFOSI, Andrews AFB, MD; May 1999 – May 2000: Identified by agency commander/director as “natural leader who always has positive impact.” Developed expertise in strategic planning to align AFOSI efforts with larger Air Force efforts – ensured consistency and focus on larger US Air Force priorities. Implemented matrixed approach and reassigned command resources to better mission-focus. Spearheaded closed investigation review and identified trends to drive improvement in investigative techniques. Developed and implemented Unit metrics labeled as “best seen in four years of attempts” by commanding General.

Special Agent/Compliance Inspector – HQ AFOSI, Andrews Air Force Base, MD; Aug 1998 – May 1999: Selected for strong leadership skills to develop new Unit Compliance Inspection Process – reduced mission impact by inspection teams, developed improved training program for investigators, built desk audit process to capture morale and leadership issues, and created analytical capability to track trends. Drove process for analyzing trends and identifying lessons learned and benchmark practices.

Special Agent – Criminal Investigator; AFOSI Det 307, McGuire AFB, NJ; Jun 1996 – Aug 1998: Conducted multiple joint drug enforcement investigations and served in undercover role. Praised for expert crime scene processing and interviewing skills – personally resolving four death investigations receiving high-level attention from Air Force leadership as well as two death investigations of US Air Force members occurring off-base. Rebuilt training program for new criminal investigators. Go to person for multiple child sexual assault investigations.

INSTRUCTION/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Crime Scene Investigations, St. Mary’s University, Spring 2011 - Spring 2012
Medico-legal Death Investigations, George Washington University, Spring 2007 – Fall 2009
Child Abuse Investigations, George Washington University, Spring 2007
Child Forensic Interviewing, Ford Island, Hawaii, 18 – 21 Sep 2006
Sexual Assault Investigations, Philippine National Police, Clarke AB, Philippines, Jun 2006
Child Forensic Interviewing, Yokota AB, Japan, Mar 2005
Sexual Assault Investigations Workshop, Ford Island, Hawaii, 2 – 5 Aug 2004
Recognition of Physical and Sexual Child Abuse, Kadena AB, Japan, 14 Nov 2003
Sexual Assault Investigations, Kadena AB, Japan, 14 Nov 2003
Arson Investigations, Kadena AB, Japan, 14 Nov 2003

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children – Child Forensic Interview Clinic, Norfolk, VA, 11-15 Sep 2017
LSI SCAN Statement Analysis, San Antonio, TX, 24 Aug 2017
Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Sexual Assault Seminar, San Antonio, TX, 1-2 Dec 2016
End Violence Against Women International, International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Engaging Men & Boys, Washington, D.C., 22-24 Mar 2016
NamUS: The Results of Forensic Collaboration, Orlando, FL, 16 Feb 2015
Law Enforcement Background Investigations (3031-TMPA), San Antonio, TX, 14-15 Jan 2014
Leadership Challenge Forum, FLETC, Glynco, GA, 16-26 Sep 2013
Cold Case Analysis Training for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors, VCPI, San Antonio, TX 22-23 May 2012
Meeting the Consent Defense, Ft Sam Houston, Texas, 27 Apr 2012
Advanced Child Abuse Investigation (53264-TMPA), San Antonio, TX, 7-9 Nov 2011
Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office Medical Death Training Program, San Antonio, TX, 3-4 Nov 2011
Basic Police Instructor Course, Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy, San Antonio, TX, 17-21 Oct 2011
Introduction to Expert Witness Testimony, Chicago, IL, 22 Feb 2011
FBI Violent Crime Behavioral Analysis Seminar, San Antonio, TX, 16-18 Mar 2010
Finding the Needle in the Haystack: Improving the Toxicological Investigation of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assaults and Other Crimes, San Antonio, TX, 20 Feb 2007
Shooting Reconstruction, New Orleans, LA, 22 Feb 2005
Anatomical, Pathological, and Physiological Foundations of Toxicity, New Orleans, LA, 21 Feb 2005
Advanced Deployment Operations Course, Ft Dix, NJ, 16 Aug – 24 Sep 2004
Advanced Explosives Investigative Training, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Ft AP Hill, VA, 21 Jun – 2 Jul 2004
Special Agent Laboratory Training Course, United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, Forest Park, GA, 7-11 Jun 2004
Grisly Business: An Examination of the Modus Operandi and Signature Characteristics of Killers and Their Crime Scenes, Dallas, TX, 17 Feb 2004
Forensic Science, Evidence Based Medicine, and the "Shaken Baby Syndrome," Dallas, TX, 16 Feb 2004
Forensic Entomology Workshop, Dallas, TX, 14 – 15 Feb 2004
Forensic Mapping, NJC & Associates, Inc, San Antonio, TX, 9 – 12 Feb 2004
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop, Metropolitan Police Institute, Miami, FL, 8 – 12 Dec 2003
Interdisciplinary Assessment of Suspected Child Maltreatment, Armed Forces Center for Child Protection, Yokosuka NAS, Japan, 18 – 20 Nov 2003
Murder and Mayhem Via the Home Computer, Chicago, IL, 20 Feb 2003
Understanding the Patterns and Motives of Violent Sexual Offenders, Chicago, IL, 18 Feb 2003
Child Forensic Interviews, Andrews AFB, MD, 14 – 17 Jan 2003
Basic Pathology Course, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Rockville, MD, Nov 2002
Counterintelligence Force Protection Operations Workshop, Andrews AFB, MD, 10 – 14 Jan 2000
Detachment Commander's/Special Agent-in-Charge Workshop, Andrews AFB, MD, 21 – 29 Jul 1999
Advanced Special Investigators' Course, Andrews AFB, MD, 1 – 12 Jun 1998
Advanced Course on the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, Andrews AFB, MD, 10 – 11 Jun 1998
Practical Homicide Investigation, Harrisburg, PA, 15 – 17 Sep 1997
Top Gun, New Jersey Narcotics Task Force, Sea Girt, NJ, 22 – 29 Apr 1997
Survey of the Forensic Sciences Training Workshop, Andrews AFB, MD, 21 – 25 Apr 1997
The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, Andrews AFB, MD, 28 – 30 Oct 1996

MILITARY SCHOOLS

US Air Force Air War College (correspondence), completed 24 Feb 2016
US Air Force Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), completed 29 Feb 2012
US Air Force Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL, 6 September – 13 Oct 2001
Lieutenants' Professional Development Program, Andrews AFB, MD, 12 – 16 May 1997
US Air Force Special Investigations Academy, Andrews AFB, MD, 23 September – 13 Dec 1996

FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Fellowship in Forensic Medicine, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, Rockville, MD, Aug 2002 – Jul 2003
Internship, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Chicago, IL, 6 – 18 Jul 2003
Internship, Baltimore Medical Examiner's Office, Baltimore, MD, Oct 2002 – Jun 2003

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Wrongful Death Investigations, Lake Conroe, TX, 24 Aug 2018
Crimes Against Children Investigations, Lake Conroe, TX, 24 Aug 2018
Forensics in Sexual Assault Investigations, San Antonio, TX, 28 Aug 2015
Forensic Sciences for the Private Investigator, Austin, TX, 4 Sep 2014
Advances in the Investigation and Prosecution of Sexual Assault Allegations, WA, 18 Feb 2014
Insect Succession in Pig Carcasses in Two Regions of Japan Where US Military is Present, TX, 22 Feb 2007
Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assaults: a Medico-legal Perspective, VA, 1 Sep 2006
Child Abuse Investigations, Yokota AB, Japan, 16 Jan 2004
Post Blast Investigations, Japanese Air Self Defense Force, Yokota AB, Japan, 6 Jan 2004
Hair Collection for Drug Testing, Yokota AB, Japan, 5 Dec 2003
Investigating Child Abuse & Conducting Child Interviews, Yokota AB, Japan, 5 Nov 2003
First Responder Training for Crime Scenes, Pacific Region, 2003 – 2006
Child Abuse Investigations and Injury Recognition for Medical Personnel, Pacific Region, 2003 – 2006
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Training, Pacific Region, 2004 – 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Member since 2001
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), Member since 2003
Awarded Fellow status February 2011
Association of Former OSI Agents, Member since 2010
International Association for Identification, Member since 2011
Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, Member since 2014
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Member since 2015