



**American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics**  
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**La Playa Beach Hotel, Naples, Florida**

**Program Speaker – Joshua Vess**

**Title**

Maxillofacial Prosthetics with a Global Mission

**Abstract**

As a part of the Defense Health Agency and the Uniformed Services University, the Air Force Postgraduate Dental School's Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship aims to prepare Maxillofacial Prosthodontists to provide outstanding prosthetic care: Anytime, Anywhere—Always. Since 1984, our San Antonio based fellowship has been training military prosthodontists and has a storied legacy of caring for America's combat-wounded sons and daughters. An overview of the how the fellowship continues to leverage current technology to equip a new generation of Fellows to carry this legacy forward to ensure Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Guardians serving anywhere can return to duty or to their families, with the aim of making them "whole" again. Cases reports and research collaborations will be presented to represent the areas of concentration in our program.

**Biography**

Dr. Vess is the Program Director in the USAF Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Fellowship, San Antonio, TX. After studying at the Medical College of Georgia and entering the Air Force, he went on to advanced training in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Global Health, and Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He and his wife, Kelly, have 6 children, and enjoy their never-ending project of restoring their 1900 Colonial Revival home in downtown San Antonio.