

Major (Ret'd) Johanna E Lewin JP, LLB (Hons) is best described as a pioneer. As such, she has been an example and motivation to generations of women and men who have looked up to her achievements and who in turn have strived to be the best they can be.

A look at her pioneering endeavours will help us to understand why she is a highly respected strategic security consultant with over 43 years of experience in operational management. It will also help us understand why she has been able to thrive despite her exposure to high risk environments in the military, in the private and public sectors and at international, regional and local levels.

She was the first female promoted to the rank of Major in the Jamaica Defence Force.

Additionally, she was the first female Helicopter Pilot in the Jamaica Defence Force.

Not surprisingly her other groundbreaking achievements include;

- the Pioneer in Aviation Award from the Bureau of Women's Affairs and
- the Inaugural Best Overseas Student Award from the Women's Royal Army Corps College in the United Kingdom.

Her professional life has been characterized by a lifelong thirst for knowledge which has seen her constantly deepening her skills, expertise and networks in;

- Risk Management
- Governance
- Anti-Fraud
- Anti-Corruption
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Border Security
- Aviation Security and
- Strategic Security and System Reviews and Design.

This drive is the foundation on which her impressive track record as a collaborative and adaptive leader has been built.

She has participated in several seminars and symposiums, locally and overseas, both as an attendee and a presenter.

Jamaica and the Caribbean have been positively impacted by her work across the areas of national security, financial ethics, public policy, veteran's affairs and general social development.

Major Lewin is a sitting Lay Magistrate for the Parish of St. Andrew and has been heavily involved in philanthropic pursuits since childhood. This passion for people has fueled her trailblazing work in Veteran's Affairs.

She is the current Chairman of the Jamaica Branch of The Royal Air Forces Association and sits on the Island Council and Executive Board of the Jamaica Legion. Her work, supported by a team of committed volunteers and fellow philanthropists, has made a noticeable difference in both the visibility of veterans' issues and the fundraising efforts which support their welfare.

Major Lewin, a firm believer in nation building through service rhetorically asks the question "What higher service or purpose in life can there be than to help others?"

The answer is embodied in her daily mission to lead from the front in the force for good, working toward making Jamaica and the world safer, more equitable, secure, inclusive and sustainably sound for all - regardless of class or creed.

Johanna, for your pioneering spirit, for your commitment to excellence and for the example you set for all of us as you continue your trail blazing endeavours, the Jamaica Chapter of ASIS International salutes you.