

A hearty welcome to Vera Bergengruen, who will join us as BuzzFeed News' Pentagon correspondent, a post from which we expect her to break major news on the Trump administration's impact on the US military, its people, and its role in the world.

Born in Santiago, Chile, Vera holds Uruguayan and German citizenship. She grew up in Miami, has studied in Morocco and Germany, and graduated from Dartmouth College. She speaks German, Spanish and Portuguese, in addition to English.

Vera's recent stories include her [May expose](#) of Michael Flynn's Turkey contacts, contributions to the Panama Papers coverage that won McClatchy's Washington Bureau a Pulitzer this year (examples [here](#) and [here](#)), a look at the Pentagon and [climate change](#), and examinations of how Trump immigration policy affects members of the military ([here](#) and [here](#)).

Vera will start work on Aug. 28.

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