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MARINE INFANTRY OFFICER / OPERATIONS MANAGER

Highly energetic leader with eleven years military experience leading and managing teams. Strong skills in project planning, key issue identification and quantitative analysis.

Government Top Secret Security Clearance (TS/SCI)

EDUCATION

B.S. General Engineering, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 2001

Midshipman Company Commander while training incoming freshmen during fall semester of senior year

Marine Officer Leadership Course, The Basic School, Quantico, VA, 2002

Six-month leadership development course to train and educate company grade officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, skills and leadership necessary for duty in the operating forces.

- Captain Thomas Ralph Leadership Award: highest leadership skills score in class of 213 students
- Basic Officer Course Distinguished Graduate: ranked 7th overall out of 213 students
- Major General Edwin Wheeler Infantry Excellence Award: top graduate of 41 students in Infantry Officer Course

Infantry Officers Course, Quantico, VA, 2001

Ten week course that provided the core infantry knowledge, skills and leadership training required for those officers selected to serve with infantry, light armored reconnaissance and sniper units.

Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, VA, 2012

USMC Planning Processes, Expeditionary Operations Ashore

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marine Special Operations Regiment

Dec. 2011 – Present

Training Officer, Special Operations Training Group, Camp Lejeune, NC

Leads, plans and executes Marine Special Operations Forces Leader Course for newly assigned Captains and Master Sergeants.

- Awarded 2nd Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Second Marine Special Operations Battalion

Oct. 2008 – Nov. 2010

Marine Special Operations Team Leader, Camp Lejeune, NC & Afghanistan

Commanded 18-member Marine Special Operations Team during eight-month deployment to western Afghanistan and led combined US/Afghan force in combat. Mentored Afghan officers and implemented training plan that prepared a 650-member Afghan battalion to conduct independent security operations during 2009 Afghan national elections.

- Ranked 1st of nine Team Leaders by Battalion Commander
- Awarded the Silver Star Medal
- Received 3rd Purple Heart Medal
- Received 2nd Combat Action Ribbon

Marine Barracks Washington

“Silent Drill Platoon” Commander and Company Executive Officer, Washington, D.C.

Selected to lead the 41-member Silent Drill Platoon (SDP), the Marine Corps’ most visible public relations unit. Developed and implemented aggressive marketing and scheduling improvements resulting in a 40% increase in SDP show attendance over previous annual averages.

- Planned and executed unique six-week “America’s Marines” television commercial filming tour and served as SDP’s liaison to advertising agencies, production companies and public relations firms during nationwide cross-media advertising campaign.
- Completed 112 shows for more than 1.2 million spectators while traveling 68,000 miles to 24 states and four countries.
- Partnered with production staff while filming SDP for Ted Koppel’s Discovery Channel documentary “Our Children’s War” which reached more than 2 million international viewers.
- Ranked 1st of 20 Captains by Commanding Officer

Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment

May 2004 – Jul. 2005

Company Executive Officer, Camp Pendleton, CA & Iraq

Second-in-command of 180-Marine Company while deployed to Ramadi, Iraq. Managed operations, intelligence and logistics while company conducted more than 350 missions and defended the Al Anbar Provincial Government Center.

- Ranked 1st of 30 Lieutenants by Battalion Commander
- Received a Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Valor

Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment

Jun. 2003 – May 2004

Mobile Assault Platoon Commander, Camp Pendleton, CA & Iraq

Selected from peer group to lead the largest platoon in the battalion. While deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, commanded 65 Marines during 113 independent platoon missions including patrols, targeted raids and civil affairs missions.

- Ranked 1st of 30 Lieutenants by Battalion Commander
- Bronze Star Medal for Valor
- Received 2nd Purple Heart Medal

Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment

Jul. 2002 – Jun. 2003

Rifle Platoon Commander, Camp Pendleton, CA & Iraq

Led 68 Marines from Kuwait to Baghdad during the first days of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- Received a Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for Valor
- Received the Purple Heart Medal
- Received the Combat Action Ribbon