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Proven strategic leader and teammate: adept at managing large and multi-tiered organizations with hundreds of people and millions of dollars of high-value assets. Routinely operating and overseeing several projects simultaneously. Seeking a career in Information Technology/Cybersecurity, Consulting, Operations/Planning, or Education.

Skills:

Leadership Development Manager

- Supervised and evaluated large staffs; consisting of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, and Government Civilians.
- Responsible for ensuring over 2,600 initial-entry officers received 800+ hours of instruction.

Coaching and Developing Others

- Observer/Coach-Trainer at the US Army's National Training Center (NTC); provided mentorship and leader development for Platoon Leaders and Company Commanders during 21 month-long rotations.
- Designed and implemented an Urban Mounted Patrol situational tactical exercise (STX) lane at NTC; a complex-attack scenario designed to teach Care Under Fire and Casualty Evacuation during small-arms and indirect-fire engagements while in a dense urban environment.

Communicating with Persons Outside Organization

- Fostered relationships with members of NATO, Coalition countries, and sister-services during multiple deployments and operations.
- Planned and conducted a combined Chemical/Biological Response demonstration in coordination with the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army and US forces in Uijeongbu, South Korea.

Information Management Officer

Experienced in installing various hardware and software on client computers; and adept at troubleshooting end-user level software, hardware, and network issues.

Experience:

United States Army (April 2000 – September 2021) Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

70H - Medical Operations Officer

- Successfully led and managed people within culturally and gender-diverse environments.
- Served as the chief operations officer (S-3) of the US Army's largest and most diverse medical brigade, consisting of more than 2500 people, supporting missions throughout the world.
- Conducted regular briefings to executive-level leaders on medical programs and initiatives; provided briefings to Congressional contingents and other distinguished delegations on Army and Joint medical doctrine.
- Chosen to serve as second-in-command of a 450-person organization; functioned as chief-of-staff, supervising more than 30 mid-career officers and senior noncommissioned officers.
- Led advisory/assessment teams to New Orleans and Detroit in support of the DoD COVID-19 Response mission; facilitated integration of Army National Guard and US Navy personnel into regular Army units, ensuring support from higher and adjacent units.
- Synchronized medical plans across multi-faceted special operations elements, Coalition & partner forces, and US Central Command assets to sustain bilateral border-operations in support of the defeat of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.
- Implemented all-inclusive leader development programs focusing on ethical leadership.
- Successfully led people under the most austere and demanding conditions in both training and combat environments.
- Previous Enlisted experience in aviation electronics and avionics, working for both the US Army and Lockheed Corporation.

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Education:

San Diego State University (August 2012 - May 2014)

Master of Science

Major: Homeland Security

- Learned the techniques and developed the leadership skills needed to protect against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.
- Completed the British and American Intelligence & Security Study-Abroad Program at the University of Cambridge.

Command and General Staff College (January 2012 - May 2012)

Gained experience with group dynamics as well as creating products for briefing executive-level leaders.

Eastern Michigan University (August 1998 - April 2000)

Bachelor of Science

Major: Criminology, Military Applied Sciences

- Gained knowledge and experience in the fundamentals of organizational leadership; and foundations of the dynamics of managing large teams.
- Co-leader of the University's Raider Team, a prestigious organization based on physical and leadership skills-oriented competition.

Washtenaw Community College (August 1995 - May 1997)

Associate in Arts

Major: Criminal Justice/Police Science

Awards & Honors:

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Korea Defense Service Medal
Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon
Army Valorous Unit Award
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
Army Superior Unit Award

Additional Information

- Preferred area for employment is El Paso, Texas. Remote work is also welcome.
- Possess a current/active Secret clearance.
- Completed online training towards obtaining CompTIA Security+ certification.