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Work Experience:

- Jun 10-present **SCANA.** Standardization Officer responsible for effective standard operating procedures and integrating operational risk management. King Air 350 Pilot in Command.
- Jun 08-Jun 10 **Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, AZ.** Commanding Officer of Headquarters Squadron. Leader of 650 Marines, Sailors, and Civilian employees. Responsible for 7 aircraft, \$5 Million logistical budget, aviation operations across 500+ square miles, and advanced standardization training for senior staff.
- Jan 04-Jun 08 **Marine Corps Air Station New River, NC.** Operations Officer responsible for future plans, training, and safety. Maintenance Officer responsible for 28 Aircraft. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Executive Officer responsible for 40 person senior staff. Operation Iraqi Freedom: 2004, 2006, 2007-8. Operation Sea Angel II Bangladesh 2007; Humanitarian relief operations.
- Jun 01-Jan 04 **Naval Base Little Creek, VA.** Tactical Air Control Party Course Manager; responsible for training, qualifying, and designating all Marine Air Officers. Subject Matter Expert for Close Air Support and Fire Support Coordination. High risk live fire, \$625K budget, integrate multiple weapon systems, train and lead 12 person instructor staff.
- Jun 98-Jun 01 **Vance Air Force Base, OK.** T-37 Instructor Pilot. Director of Standardization and Evaluation for 250 people Squadron. Promoted to Major. Instructor of the Year 2000.
- Jun 97-Jun 98 **Marine Corps Base 29 Palms, CA.** Air Officer and Forward Air Controller. Ground oriented tour. Responsible for integrating joint aviation operations with ground based tactical weapon systems.
- Jun 96-Jun 97 **Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA.** Student at Amphibious Warfare School. Studied the operational level of war, foreign policy formation, the national power structure, and joint military operations.
- Sep 91-Jun 96 **Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, CA.** Weapons and Tactics Instructor. Night Systems Instructor. Senior Captain for operational planning and training. Operation Restore Hope, Somalia 1993. Western Pacific Marine Expeditionary Unit deployment 1995; Joint Operations with Kuwait, Jordan, the UAE, and Israel.
- Jun 90-Sep 91 **Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.** U.S. Navy Flight School. Honor Graduate. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant.
- Jun 89-Jun 90 **Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA.** Student at The Basic School. Marine Corps entry level school for 2nd Lieutenants. Studied basic platoon level tactics, the law of war, profiles in leadership, administrative policies, and history.

Education:

- Aug 85- May 89 The Citadel. B.S. Business Administration
- Jun 00 – Jun 02 Command and Staff College Non-Resident Program (Strategic level of war)
- Feb 2008 Commanders Safety and Operational Risk management course