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MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONS/ LOGISTICS

Overview: US State Department Secret Clearance

- Over 14 years of service in the United States Navy. Fully qualified Aviation Boatswains Mate on both Aircraft Carriers and Amphibious Assault Ships. Also holds secondary job classifications as a Prison Guard and Military Police. Very outgoing and involved in the community and politics.
- 80% Service Connected Disability from Department of Veterans Affairs
- Excellent time management and organizational skills. Results-oriented, with a focus on growth, initiative, and self-discipline. Skilled at learning new concepts quickly, working well under pressure, and communicating ideas clearly and effectively. Strong analytical and numerical abilities. Demonstrated critical reasoning and problem solving skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Association of the United States Navy, 2015 – Present

Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations

- Develop the legislative strategy and resolutions for the Congressional year for Annual Meeting approval. Maintain close contact with professional staffers and key personnel in Congressional offices to inform and influence legislation. Liaison with the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, CHINFO, and other Navy offices as necessary to ensure alignment with Navy Objectives. Represent AUSN at meetings of the Military Coalition (TMC), National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA). Prepare and submit testimony to Congress. Prepare and transmit Legislative Updates and Alerts. Manage a legislative intern program to further the education of those interested in national politics and to further the reach and effectiveness of AUSN. File the quarterly lobbying report on behalf of AUSN as required by law Liaison with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and attend quarterly meetings

Association of the United States Navy, 2014 – 2015

Director of Military and Veteran's Benefits / Veterans and Legislative Assistant

- **Legislative Duties:** Maintain Daily Legislative Bills of Interest document. Coordinate with Legislative Director the Internship Program. Monitor, write and/or assign After Action Reports (AARs) on House and Senate Appropriations MILCON/VA as well as Veterans Affairs Committee Hearings. Main Point of Contact for House and Senate Appropriations Committee Analysis of Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MILCON/VA) Annual Fiscal Year Appropriation Bills. Assist Legislative Director with Annual President's Fiscal Year Budget Analysis. File the quarterly lobbying report. Maintain Legislative section of website. Attend assigned TMC and NMVA meetings. Liaison with the Department of VA & attend quarterly meetings.
- **Veteran Benefits:** Serve as the Staff VSO point of contact and VA representative. Serve as staff expert for questions regarding Title 38 USC regarding VA management. Serve as the primary Point of Contact and expert on all inquiries by members regarding VA issues with claims processing, appeals, disability compensation and any and all other inquiries. Representative at meetings with the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee staff. Respond to members' (calls, letters, faxes, e-mails). Serve as staff point of contact for all awards submissions and preparation
- **Military Benefits:** Maintain a comprehensive file of frequently asked questions on the public drive for reference by staff, and on the website for member access. Serve as the Staff resident expert regarding TRICARE and Defense Health Agency (DHA). Serve as staff expert for questions regarding Title 10 USC regarding Active Duty and Reserve personnel management and questions from members. Prepare retired pay/SBP estimates upon request. Develop and conduct presentations for use at TAP classes, Retirement seminars, base indoctrination classes, etc.

New York State Senate, 2013 – 2014

Veteran Legislation Analyst / Veteran Liaison

- Accredited American Legion Service Officer who is specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. While the majority of this job involves helping with the application for VA disability benefits, we also provide referrals and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics related to the needs of the Veterans who served our great Nation.

United States Navy (Reserve), 2007 – Present

2nd Class Petty Officer

- **2007** Stationed with NOSC St Louis for two months before moving to San Diego.
- **2007-2011** Served with NOSC North Island in CVN PAC 0219. While serving with the CVN PAC went on AT to the USS Abraham Lincoln (CV-72) and became the only Reservist to become fully qualified as a Aircraft Director learning to Launch and Recover Aircraft with the V-1 Division. While awaiting orders for a Volunteered Tour to Iraq served 45 days of IT with the Personal Department helping to process pay for reserves and making Service Records for new Reservist.
- **2008-2009** Served in Iraq with Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion Five. This was a unit made up of sailors from all over the world serving in Active and Reserve Duty. Became the lowest ranked Sailor to be qualified as Chief of The Guard overseeing the Care, Custody and Control of 1200 High Value detainees who were Convicted of Crimes and were awaiting execution by the Iraqi Government. Petty Officer Little over saw a Guard Force of 30 Sailors.
- **2009-2010** Served in Afghanistan with Task Group Trident. After excelling in Training was chose to serve as Sergeant of the Guard becoming the lowest ranked Petty Officer to become qualified as Guard Force Commander. After showing skills of excellence Petty Officer Little was hand selected by the Facility Commander to be placed in Operations becoming the only Sailor and the only Enlisted Personnel under the rank of E-7 to become qualified as the Battle Captain. Over saw the care, custody and control of Afghanistan's most dangerous Detainees, processing movement orders, writing disciplinary reports, and making on the spot decisions to situations that were well over his pay grade. Reported the status of detainees every morning to the Pentagon, and was responsible for making sure documents where in order before accepting detainees. Over saw the care of 1,000 detainees and managed a Guard Force of over 1,200 Service Members.
- **2011-2013** Served with NOSC St. Louis after serving two back to back tours in Detainee Operations and returning to a unit in San Diego that no longer existed.
- **2013-2014** Served with NOSC Buffalo, NY in support of Aviation Operations, with Navy Reserve Aviation Souda Bay, Crete
- **2014-Present** Serving with NOSC Washington D.C. in support of Aviation Operations, with Navy Reserve Aviation Souda Bay, Crete.

United States Navy (Active Duty), 2002 – 2006

3rd Class Petty Officer

- 2003 – 2004 Served on board the USS Ronald Reagan as a Plank Owner. Was heavily involved with the ships shake down cruises and helped the Air Department become fully qualified and certified. Transited with the ship as it went around South America and served on this Ships first In port Security Forces and served as Chief of Guard as an E-3.
- 2004-2006 Served on board the USS Tarawa (LHD-1) Became a Work Center Supervisor as an E-4 and became fully qualified as an Aircraft Director and Aviation Fire Fighter. Over saw the Training Records for 75 Sailors, keeping qualifications fully up to date. Served onboard for 2004 – 2005 West Pac and 2005 – 2006 West Pac. (2 Sea Service Ribbons Awarded)

Education

- **Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois**
 - ASSOCIATES OF ARTS DEGREE, 2013
 - Emphasis in History, Political Science, Speech, and Writing
- **Department of Labor Journeyman**
 - Correction Officer

References and Supporting Documentation Furnished Upon Request

Military Awards

- Army Commendation Medal (2010)
- Navy And Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2010)
- Army Achievement Medal (2009)
- Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation (2003)
- (2) Joint Meritorious Award (2009, 2010)
- (2) Navy Unit Commendation (2004,2010)
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2004)
- Navy E Ribbon (2004)
- Navy Good Conduct Medal (2006)
- (2) Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (2009, 2012)
- National Defense Service Medal (2003)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2005)
- (2) Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2005,2010)
- (2) Iraq Campaign Medal (2005, 2009)
- (3)Global War on Terrorism (Expeditionary) (2005, 2009, 2010)
- Global War on Terrorism (2003)
- Humanitarian Service Medal (2005)
- (2) Navy Sea Service Deployment (2004, 2006)
- Navy Reserve Sea Service Deployment
- (2) Navy and Marine Overseas Service Ribbon (2009, 2010)
- (2) Armed Forces Reserve Medal with (M and 2 devices(2009, 2010)
- NATO ISAF Medal (Afghanistan (2010)
- Navy Rifle Qualification Ribbon/Medal with (E) Device (2003)
- Navy Pistol Qualification Ribbon/Medal with (E) Device (2003)

Qualification Devices

- Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (CV, CVN, LHA, LHD)
- Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (CV, CVN, LHA, LHD)
- US Navy Corrections
- US Navy Security
- JTF 435
- Multi National Force Iraq
- 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne)
- 101st Airborne
- 82nd Airborne
- 530th Military Police Battalion

Interest Groups

- American Legion Post #106
- American Veterans
- Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
- Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
- Association of the United States Navy
- Aviation Boatswains Mate Association
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- Coast Guard Auxiliary/Merchant Marine
- Disabled American Veterans
- Fleet Reserve Association
- Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton County Historical Society
- Hamilton County Republicans
- South Crouch TWP Precinct Committeeman (Elected)
- Election Judge
- Representative to the Illinois Republican Convention(2012)
- Hamilton County Rotary
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows
- Knights Templar
- Military Order of Purple Heart (Associate Member)
- National Republican Club of Capitol Hill
- Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
- Naval Historical Foundation
- Naval Order of the United States
- Navy Club of the United States
- Navy Memorial Quarterdeck Club
- Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor
- Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor Foundation
- Relay for Life
- Smithsonian National Associate Member
- Sons of the American Legion
- US Sailing
- USS Tarawa Veterans Association
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Wounded Warrior Alumni
- York Rite Masonry

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