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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Proven leader with over 34 years of successful experience in diverse, dynamic, creative positions:

- U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, retired Nov 2010, with 24 years active-duty leading teams and operations in all areas of logistics, investigations, inspections and explosives operations.
- Over 10 years civilian management and leadership experience in academic and commercial organizations, including research, marketing, acquisitions and technical writing.
- Professional strengths include *independent, innovative thinking; conceptualizing, planning, and executing projects; strong interpersonal and team-building abilities; excellent oral and written communications skills; and the desire to be part of a winning, progressive team.*

CURRENT

Consultant

- Conduct technical research and data capture for government contractors.
- Write and edit products, proposals and other projects.
- Focus primarily on:
 - Logistics
 - Management
 - Security
 - Safety
 - Technical performance
- Independent contractor to Solution One Industries, Ltd and Strategic Resources, Inc.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) (volunteer) – Sunflower CASA Project

- Advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system.
- Research, investigate, write reports, and make recommendations to the court on assigned cases.
- Serves Riley, Clay, and Pottawattamie Counties, Kansas.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

August 2006-November 2010, Inspector General, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, Fort Riley, Kansas

- Led twenty military and civilian employees and over seventy augmentee inspectors, providing IG services to over 50,000 Soldiers, family members, civilians, and retirees in the Fort Riley area, and provided robust IG support to other locations in the United States and combat zones.
- Conducted and completed an average of over 1,000 assistance cases, 64-unit inspections comprised of up to 65 technical areas each, and over a dozen sensitive and detailed investigations annually.
- Advice and assistance sought and trusted by garrison agencies and unit leaders; made the IG office a go-to agency and resource for leaders.
- Taught “real-world” IG operations as a regular guest lecturer at the IG school in Virginia and annual IG conferences.
- Recognized by the Army’s Inspector General for building the most comprehensive and relevant inspection program in today’s Army.

January 2010-June 2010, Inspector General (IG), United States Division-South and 1st Infantry Division, Iraq

- As the 1st Infantry Division Commanding General’s eyes, ears and voice throughout Iraq’s nine southern provinces, led IG team in teaching, evaluating, and enforcing standards for 15,000 assigned Soldiers and civilians.
- Was the Commanding General’s trusted agent to develop and conduct detailed, sensitive investigations.
- Created and executed diverse, relevant inspections programs pertaining to all operations in Iraq.
- Planned and conducted continuous combat patrols and battlefield circulation to assess units and conduct inspections, investigations and assistance cases.
- Continued leadership and oversight of Inspector General operations at home station.

June 2005-July 2006, Logistics Planner/Support Operations Officer, DISCOM, 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany

- Developed detailed logistics support plan for all classes of supply, maintenance and logistics for over 300 units dispersed throughout Europe for U.S. Army European Command as part of the Army’s transformation.
- Recouped \$4.5 million for the Army through creation and execution of a plan to identify and turn in excess property.
- Developed and executed logistics plans for multinational exercises in Russia, Bulgaria and Romania, and for real-world disaster relief operations in Pakistan.
- Developed full-scale logistics planning, support and role-play for warfighter exercises preparing division units for combat deployments.

July 2002-June 2005, Inspector General, 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany and Baghdad, Iraq

- Developed and conducted the first combat-focused inspection program in Iraq for an Army Division comprised of over 37,000 Soldiers.
- Planned and conducted over 250 combat missions to evaluate unit operations.
- Completed over 1250 individual assistance cases and sensitive investigations in Iraq.
- Developed and implemented and conducted inspections, assistance and investigations for seven sites throughout Germany.

May 2001-July 2002, Battalion Executive Officer, 19th Maintenance Battalion, 3rd Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

- Second in command of a 1,000 Soldier battalion charged with providing maintenance and transportation services to thirteen field artillery battalions and deploying in support of world-wide operations.
- Supervised and directed the battalion staff, to include personnel management, intelligence programs, operations and training plans, and resource management.
- Managed a \$14 million budget.
- Trained and mentored company commanders.

Recruiting Company Commander, Lawton, OK (3 years)

Operations and Intelligence Officer (S2/S3), Sinai, Egypt (18 months)

Company Commander, 187th Maintenance Battalion, Columbia, South Carolina (2 years)

Operations Officer and Platoon Leader, Miesua Army Ammunition Depot, Germany (4 years)

SIGNIFICANT CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE

Wetzel International, Inc., Columbus, Georgia

- Served as an international defense consultant and marketing specialist representing clients in the U.S., England, Egypt, Australia, Turkey, and Mexico, for an equally diverse number of products, including aerospace components, combat vehicles, military products, and commercial management services.
- Planned and coordinated logistics and represented clients at trade fairs and marketing events.
- Conducted research and performed technical writing on a variety of client projects and marketing plans.

Army Research Institute, Fort Benning, Georgia

- Provided management and administrative services, conducted research and participated in writing follow-on evaluations and reports in a variety of Army research programs.

Tarleton State University, The Texas A&M University System, Stephenville, Texas

- As Project Manager for Vice President for Business Affairs, evaluated, recommended, and acquired all data processing equipment for the university by coordinating academic departments' requests, evaluating financial feasibility, technical capabilities and compatibility, and acting as liaison with commercial vendors to purchase equipment.
- Served as continuing education instructor in computer science field.
- Operated the university's student computer laboratory; hired, supervised and managed a full computer lab staff and all lab equipment; coordinated operations with faculty and data processing department.

Mutual of Omaha Sales Representative, Columbus, GA

Independent Contractor, computer and database programming, Columbus, GA

Photographer, Columbus, GA

Norton Company, Material Planner, Scheduler, Production Control Officer, Expeditor, Stephenville, TX

EDUCATION, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, ORGANIZATIONS

Civilian Education

- Master of Science, International Relations, Troy State University
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, Tarleton State University
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Management, Tarleton State University

Key Military Education

- Army Command and General Staff College
- Inspector General Course
- Recruiting Commanders Course
- Combined Arms Staff Services School
- Logistics Officer Advanced Course
- Officer Candidate School

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Organizations

- Leadership Kansas graduate
- Center for Creative Leadership graduate
- Ft Riley Retiree Council, Vice Chairman
- Chamber of Commerce, Manhattan, KS
- Society of the First Infantry Division
- Friends of Konza Prairie
- Nature Conservancy
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- American Legion
- Disabled American Veterans
- Manhattan Arts Council

REFERENCES

References available on request