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EXPERIENCED SENIOR EXECUTIVE

With 31 years of naval service and command experience from both the naval aviation and surface warfare communities, he's a demonstrated leader who applies a distinctive set of skills, education, and positive leadership to the personnel, planning, and operations of his organization. From the cockpit of an aircraft, the bridge of ship, or the halls of academia, his aptitude at leading high performing organizations results in high velocity learning and produces positive outcomes.

Professional strengths include:

- Leadership & Team Building
- Talent Management
- Strategic Planning & Execution
- Training and Development
- Quality Performance & Standards
- Operational Safety & Risk Management
- Leveraging New Technologies
- Top Secret Security Clearance

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Chair, Naval Science Dept. at GA Tech and Morehouse (Senior Management) 2022-present

As chair for the Naval Science Departments for GA Tech and Morehouse College, he led two staffs in the day-to-day running of the Naval Science Departments to include curriculum review, scheduling, facilities, and the development of midshipmen within the Navy ROTC programs. As professor of Naval Science, he developed and taught required courses while also providing military instruction to midshipmen and other students from GA Tech, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Georgia State University, Clark Atlanta University, and Kennesaw State University.

Commodore, Amphibious Squadron FIVE (Executive Leader) 2020-2022

Led over 4000 Officers, Sailors and Marines in the tactical employment, operation, maintenance, and combat support of seven warships and associated Navy and Marine Corps weapon systems, aircraft, and equipment. Served as the senior United States representative in diplomatic interactions with foreign military leaders in partner nation ports across the Pacific. Regularly conducted public speaking engagements and media interviews to achieve Navy strategic communications objectives.

Chief of Staff, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE (Senior Management) 2019-2020

Managed a staff of 75 personnel in a high performing and high operational tempo organization. Matched talent to job requirement during the pandemic and ensured all functional areas were covered while reducing the physical footprint of the staff.

Captain, USS PORTLAND (Executive Leader) 2018-2019

As commanding officer, he led and directed 380 Sailors in the operations, training, navigation, and all aspects of shipboard work. Responsible for the care, feeding, and medical readiness of the crew. Performed simultaneous high demanding evolutions at sea to include flight operations and amphibious.

Executive Officer, Pre-commissioning Unit Portland (Senior Management) 2016-2018

Led and managed 380 Officer and Sailors in the composition of the new crew for USS PORTLAND. Matching talent, experiences, education, and demeanor to required job positions. Led the crew in the initial outfitting and sequencing of all equipment to a new construction ship.

Directorate Coordinator, Combined Joint Operations from the Sea, NATO Center of Excellence (Senior Management) 2015-2016

Coordinated and facilitated all administrative and logistic functions for a staff of 26 senior international officers. Assigned, approved, and edited all staff Program of Work for the yearly periodic. Engaged senior foreign officials in the performance of his duties as the Senior National Representative.

Expeditionary Helicopter Advisor to FIFTH FLEET (Senior Management and Advisor) 2014

Senior helicopter advisor to the Commander US Naval Forces Central Command. Provided operational guidance to flight operations within the area of responsibility with a focus on risk management versus capability.

Commanding Officer, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two Six (HSC-26) (Senior Leader) 2013-2014

Led over 430 Officers and Sailors at the Navy's largest fleet operational helicopter squadron. Managed the deployment, training, and outfitting of 5 detachments and one forward deployed unit. Managed the maintenance and employment of 22 MH-60 helicopters stationed in Norfolk, VA, and Bahrain.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, and EXPERIENCES

- Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
- Joint Professional Military Education I, Marine Corps University, Norfolk, VA
- Joint Professional Military Education II, Naval War College, Newport, RI
- Naval Aviation Safety Officer Education, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterrey, CA
- Naval Aviator with over 3000 flight hours in rotary and fixed wing aircraft
- Surface Warfare Command qualified with multiple narrow channel transits completed to include Panama Canal, Pearl Harbor HI, Key West FL and multiple replenishments at sea
- Fluent in Spanish; used as translator to deliver information briefs to Spanish speaking families of fallen Sailors and Marines; worked with Spanish speaking harbor pilots during Panama Canal transit and Mansanillo, Mexico port visit.

Completed numerous executive-level courses in leadership and ethics, military operational planning, law of the sea, aviation safety, and personnel management.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Surface Warfare Officer Schools Command Vice Admiral Bulkeley Leadership Award, 2016
- US Naval Air Forces Leadership Award, 2008
- Helicopter Sea Combat Leadership Award, 2008
- Legion of Merit Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal