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EDUCATION

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

B.S., International Affairs

Graduation: May 2020

Membership or Activity:

- International Affairs Forum, 2017-2020
- Student Conference on United States Affairs, 2016-2020
- Men's Division 1 Lacrosse Manager, 2018-2020

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS

Fire Direction Officer (1st Brigade, 10th MTN Division) FT. Drum, NY
Planned and Processed fire missions for a M777A2 Howitzer Battery May 2021 – January 2022

- Fired over 1000 rounds of Artillery without incident
- Led a 10-person Fire Direction Center
- Conducted operations through an entire Intense Training Cycle
- Successfully completed a rotation to Joint Readiness Training Center at FT. Polk, LA

Platoon Leader (1st Brigade, 10th MTN Division) FT. Drum, NY
Led a platoon of three M777A2 Howitzers February 2022 – February 2023

- Was responsible for 30 personnel and nearly 5 million dollars of equipment
- Planned and successfully executed all operations that the platoon was charged with
- Deployed to Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve for 9 Months.
- Conducted successful combat operations and brought all Soldiers home safe

Assistant Professor of Military Science Prairie View, TX
Mentored and Developed 60 cadets at Prairie View A&M University May 2023 – Current

- Selected as 1 of 4 officers out of a pool of 100 candidates with similar backgrounds
- Taught the basics of Military Science to freshman for an understanding of the Army
- Guided cadets in developing strong leader attributes for a career as an officer

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Additional Duty Lists

- Training Room Officer
- Field Ordering Officer (FOO)
- Unit Public Affairs Officer (PAO) or Representative
- Battle Captain

Awards

- Bronze Star Medal
- Combat Action Badge
- Army Commendation Medal (x2)
- Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
- Overseas Ribbon
- Global War on Terror – Expeditionary
- Global War on Terror Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon

Personal Attributes

- Creative and Critical Problem Solving
- Oral and Nonverbal Comprehension
- Motivating Others
- Mentoring
- Composure in High Stress Situations