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Marine Corps Colonel approaching 30 years of service with extensive experience in leading large organizations as the Commander/Chief Executive, Deputy/Chief of Staff and as a member of large staffs, “leading from the middle.” Seeking new challenges, work that continues to make a difference for others, and the opportunity to continue leading high-quality people.

**KEY ATTRIBUTES / SKILLS**

**+ Leadership + Operations Management + Planning**

**+ Staff Coordination + Teaching / Training + Values / Ethics**

**+ Writing & Presentation Skills + Logistics / Maintenance Management + Project Synthesis**

**+ Clearance (TS/SCI) + Coalition & International Relations**

**EXPERIENCE**

**[Senior U.S. Marine Corps Representative / Military Professor](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/1322/)**

*[U.S. Naval War College; Newport, RI Feb 2015 – Present](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/1322/)*

Leadership, management and oversight of all Marine Corps activities and personnel (approx. 55) at the College. Teach Joint Military Operations and Leadership Concepts courses at the Master’s Degree level. Senior Marine Corps Advisor to the College President and Provost. [Leadership, Teaching, Writing & Presentation Skills, Values / Ethics, TS/SCI Clearance]

**Secretary of the General Staff**

*Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Pentagon, Washington, DC Oct 2012 – Feb 2015*

[Military Assistant / Deputy to the Director of the Marine Corps Staff; the third-most senior officer in the Marine Corps who functions as the Chief of Staff for the Marine Corps. Oversight and coordination of all staff actions across the Marine Corps Headquarters, responsible for an active-duty and reserve force of over 225,000 Marines. [Staff Coordination, Leadership, Operations Management, Planning, Writing & Presentation Skills, Project Synthesis, TS/SCI]](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/2039/)

**[Service Planner; Plans, Policies and Operations Department](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/2039/)**

*[Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Pentagon, Washington, DC Aug 2009 – Oct 2012](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/2039/)*

Interface position between the Marine Corps Headquarters and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Provided quality control on all Marine Corps responses to the Joint Staff. Ensured the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations were prepared and properly briefed prior to meetings with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and counterparts from the other Services. [Writing & Presentation Skills, Staff Coordination, Project Synthesis, TS/SCI]

**Director, J5 Strategy & Plans Division**

*HQ, U.S. Forces – Afghanistan; Kabul, Afghanistan Oct 2010 – Sep 2011*

Led a staff Division (approx. 25 personnel) responsible for U.S.-only Strategic Plans and Policies; including several Top Secret contingency plans, and management of the Coalition Lift and Sustain Program, by which coalition nations were logistically supported by the U.S. in cases where their own governments were incapable of fully supplying forces in theater. Also interfaced regularly with senior civilian Afghan officials, including the Director of the National Olympic Committee and the Mayor of Kabul. [International Relations, Planning, Operations, Staff Coordination, Writing & Presentation Skills, Logistics, Project Synthesis, Leadership, TS/SCI]

**Commanding Officer, 1st Recruit Training Battalion**

*Parris Island, South Carolina Jul 2008 – Jul 2009*

Responsible for the leadership, direction, training, and all other aspects of a unit that consisted of several hundred drill instructors, and upwards of 1,500-2,000 recruits. The unit’s mission was the transformation of raw recruits into basically-trained Marines, and included all aspects of their socialization into the Marine Corps through both classroom and practical field training and education. [Leadership, Operations, Planning, Teaching / Training, Logistics, Maintenance, Values / Ethics]

**Deputy Future Operations Officer / Exercises Officer**

*III Marine Expeditionary Force; Okinawa, Japan Jul 2006 – Jul 2007*

Responsible for the 6-8 person Exercises Section that planned all Marine Corps exercises with our partner nations in the Asia-Pacific region. Many were large-scale, involving multiple countries, tens of thousands of troops, and requiring extensive coordination and negotiation of roles and responsibilities across national and cultural boundaries. As Deputy, also assisted in oversight of a Plans Section of another 6-8 Marines; the focal point for immediate response planning to emergent situations in the region, such as typhoon and earthquake relief. [Planning, Operations Management, Coalition & International Relations, Leadership, Writing & Presentation Skills, TS/SCI]

**Coalition Operations Branch Head (J5)**

*The Joint Staff; Pentagon, Washington, DC Jul 2003 – Jun 2006*

Head of an 8-person branch responsible for the Joint Staff’s role in oversight and maintenance of the coalition supporting combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Frequent coordination with State Department, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council Staff (White House), and partner nations. [Coalition-building, Operations, Planning, Staff Coordination, International Relations, Writing & Presentation Skills, Leadership, Logistics, TS/SCI]

**Executive Officer, 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines**

*Kaneohe, Hawaii Feb 2002 – Jun 2003*

Second-in-command of an infantry battalion of approx. 850-900 Marines. [Leadership, Operations, Planning, Teaching / Training, Logistics, Maintenance]

**Pacific Theater Desk Officer (G-5), Headquarters, Marine Corps Forces Pacific**

*Camp Smith, Hawaii Jul 1999 – Feb 2002*

[International Relations, Coalition-building, Staff Coordination, Writing & Presentation Skills, TS/SCI]

**Various Tactical- and Mid-level Armor and Staff Assignments**

*Multiple locations in the U.S. and overseas**Jun 1988 – Jun 1999*

[Leadership, Operations, Planning, Teaching / Training, Maintenance, Writing & Presentation Skills]

**EDUCATION**

**M.A. – National Security & Strategic Studies,** 2008"with Distinction"

U.S. Naval War College; Newport, Rhode Island

**B.S. – Electrical Engineering,** 1988"with Merit"

U.S. Naval Academy; Annapolis, Maryland

**Military Courses and Schools:** Security Assistance Management Officer Course (2005), Marine Corps Command and Staff College (2001), Marine Corps Planning Process Course (2000), Command and Control Systems Course (1994), Maintenance Management Course (1994)