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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Over 20 years of leadership development, character building, goal setting, problem solving, teaching, training, and combat experience culminating with selection as the Professor of Military Science/Department Chair in a University setting. Extensive background in managing, supply and property accountability, distribution management, mentorship, analyzing and problem solving, developing and achieving short- and long-term goals, budget management, and academic department management. Computer literate in Microsoft applications, possess a make it happen attitude, and a passion for providing outstanding customer service. Demonstrated Senior Logistician and Six Sigma Certified. TOP SECRET security clearance.

EDUCATION

AACSB Bridge Program for Industry Executives, University of Dallas, 2019
MA, Higher Education Administration, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 2017
MS, Procurement and Acquisition Management, Webster University, St. Louis, MO, 2012
Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 2012
BS, Psychology, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL, 1998

TEACHING/WORK EXPERIENCE

2018-Present. Adjunct Professor, Alabama A & M University, Huntsville, AL

- Instruct classes of 30 students for 80 minutes, two times each week or via an online platform.
- Maintain a class syllabus, assignment log, and additional material to help the students.
- Participate in weekly meetings with faculty to discuss departmental goals and upcoming events (when possible).
- Plan lectures, assignments, and experiences to collaborate with necessary course curriculum.

2014-2018. Professor of Military Science, Alabama A & M University, Huntsville, AL

- Lead Professor and Department Chair for the Bulldog Battalion, 6th Brigade, USACC at Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University (AAMU).
- Lead, sustain and train a diverse team of over 100 Cadets/students and 12 military and civilian employees in recruiting, retaining, training, developing and commissioning the requisite number of fully qualified second lieutenants.
- Execute challenging critical thinking, tactical training and military science instruction to ensure Cadets' proficiency in outcomes and skills. Using Adult Learning Model and Outcome based instruction.
- Primary instructor for Senior Cadets. Maintain and foster harmonious relationships with the AAMU community, local and regional entities, partnership schools, JROTC units, Army NG/RC and Army recruiting units.
- Primary liason between three major universities: AAMU, University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and Athens State University (ASU).
- Managed a combined university and Army budget of over \$200,000 annually.

2006-2008. Logistics Instructor, Combined Logistics Captain Career Course, Army Logistics University, Fort Lee, VA

- Serve as a Multifunctional Logistics instructor for the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course (CLC3).
- Facilitated small group instruction for up to 96 Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps, and international officers annually.
- Responsible for preparing Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Medical Service officers in the ranks of 1LT and CPT for the duties of a logistics company commander and multifunctional logistics staff officer.
- Taught tactical logistics doctrine, tactics, techniques, procedures, and lessons learned in a small group environment that maximizes performance-oriented training.

- Responsible for developing, revising, and implementing lessons that incorporate emerging doctrine and directives.
- Coach and mentor students to provide an effective learning environment that promotes critical and innovative thinking.

MILITARY/WORK EXPERIENCE

2018-Present. Fuel and Water Branch Chief, 167th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), Fort McClellan, AL

- Responsible for training, management, and welfare 65 personnel assigned to the Fuel and Water Branch of the 167th TSC Support Operations.
- Charged with providing all facets of multifunctional logistics support for various military and civilian operations.
- Executes theater management of fuel and water.
- Provides theater on-hand visibility and recommends priority of issue.
- Responsible for the development and implementation of theater sustainment plans and concepts in support Defense Support to Civil Authorities operations in the US Northern Command Area of Responsibility.
- Responsible for maintaining the readiness and rapid deployment posture of full-time personnel in anticipation of no notice contingency response in support of USNORTHCOM.

2012-2014. Executive Officer to the Chief of Sustainment (G4), U S Army Central, operating in Shaw Air Force Base and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

- Provide oversight on logistics planning and operations for over 12,000 Soldiers, DOD civilians, and Contractors in Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Afghanistan.
- Assist in managing over \$600 million in contracts.
- Responsible for the planning and execution of the General's travel arrangements, social engagements, meetings, conferences, and overseeing every aspect of the General's day-to-day operations in order to maximize support of the mission.
- Coordinate with Department of the Army, Army Materiel Command, Central Command, Office of Security Cooperation – Iraq and Combined Joint Task Force staff elements to ensure operational logistics staff actions are integrated and synchronized within the theater of operations.

2010-2011. Executive Officer, 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Camp Humphreys, Korea

- Executive Officer of the largest forward deployed Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in South Korea.
- Supervise over 900 Soldiers providing sustainment support to 65 Eighth U S Army units and the 2nd Infantry Division.
- Serves and the primary advisor to the Commander on all staff operations. Also, oversees all battalion staff functions.
- Responsible for the health, welfare and professional development off all officers and senior Noncommissioned Officers (NCO) assigned to the primary staff. Ensures all five subordinate units are properly resourced.
- Managed an operational budget of over 18 million dollars and a support budget of over 36 million dollars which included warehouse and direct support maintenance operations.

2009-2010. Support Operations Officer, 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Camp Humphreys, Korea

- Support Operations Officer (SPO) of a forward deployed Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of nearly 900 Soldiers in a Combined and Joint environment.
- Responsible for planning, managing, coordinating, and distribution management to over 200 supported units. Provided guidance and supervised operations for two supply warehouses and one forward distribution point with over 4000 lines of stock/product.
- Advise the commander on the logistics support requirements versus capabilities.

- Manage external logistics requirements, synchronizes logistics and distribution operations, and makes necessary adjustments to ensure requirements are met.
- Coordinate external transportation requirements, ensure connectivity is established for all Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS) and logistics command and control systems, and provide field services as required.
- Also responsible for the health and welfare of 26 Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers and Officers (including their Families) assigned to the section.
- Managed an external support budget of over 36 million dollars.

2008-2009. Support Operations Plans Branch Chief, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Camp Carrol, Korea

- Plans Officer for a forward deployed Sustainment Brigade operating in a combined and Joint environment while supporting all United States Forces – Korea (USFK) organizations.
- Responsible for reviewing, monitoring, coordinating and validating war plans on the Korean peninsula.
- Conduct collaborative planning with supported units and subordinate units in order to plan, prepare and formulate theater level logistics functions and support operations.
- Assist in the planning, organization and execution of annual Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercises and theater Noncombatant Evacuation exercises.
- Plan and execute Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) drills, Operations Plan (OPLAN) briefings and emerging doctrine for the Korean Theater.

2004-2006. Forward Support Company Commander, 4th BDE, 3rd Infantry Division, operating in Fort Stewart, GA and Iraq

- Commander of a rapidly deployable Forward Support Company consisting of a food service section, a maintenance platoon (including warehouse), a distribution platoon, and a headquarters platoon in support of a Maneuver Task Force in the 3rd Infantry Division.
- Support the Task Force in combat and Support Operations and Stability Operations (SOSO) missions.
- Responsible for the readiness, training, administration and welfare of 225 Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers (NCO), officers and their Families.
- Responsible for the maintenance of two M1A1C Tank companies, two M2A2 Mechanized Infantry companies, one heavy Combat Engineer company and a Headquarters company with a warehouse that stocks over 350 pieces of equipment and 880 lines of Prescribed Load List (PLL) repair parts.
- Responsible for the readiness, maintenance, and operations of over 300 million dollars worth of rolling stock, weapons, and ancillary equipment.
- Responsible for the supply chain management for the Task Force.
- Responsible for developing subordinate leaders to be tactically competent, morally sound, and totally committed to leading and caring for Soldiers.

2003-2004. Assistant Group Logistics Officer (S4), 24th Corps Support Group (CSG), Fort Stewart, GA

- Monitor all facets of internal logistics for five subordinate battalions with units located at three geographically dispersed locations.
- Collect and analyze data and make recommendations on procedures and policies in the areas of supply, maintenance, budget, property accountability and food service.
- Monitor all financial liability of property loss investigations within the 24th CSG and ensure they are properly prepared.
- Manage the collections of supply and maintenance data and prepare briefing slides for the monthly Enhanced Marne Gauge briefing to the Assistant Division Commander-Support.
- Ensure S4 command and staff submission is prepared on time and is accurate. Serve as the 24th CSG S4 in the absence of the S4 Officer in Charge.

2000-2002. Support Platoon Leader, 1st Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA

- Directly responsible for leading a Regimental Light Cavalry Squadron's Support Platoon consisting of eleven 5-ton trucks, five 1200 gallon fuelers, two HMMWVs, 14 trailers, and two water trailers.
- Serves as the Squadron Dining Facility Officer, supervising their maintenance operations and coordination for their field support missions.
- Build and lead Squadron's logistical resupply packages in a tactical environment.
- Responsible for the readiness and accountability of over 50 Soldiers and the maintenance on over 3 million dollars worth of rolling stock, weapons, and ancillary equipment.
- Ensure the platoon is prepared to deploy worldwide as a part of the XVIII Airborne Corps.
- Additionally, responsible for environmental compliance, energy awareness, and physical security for the Squadron.

1999-2000. Scout Platoon Leader, 1st Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA

- Responsible for leading a scout platoon consisting of seven vehicles and 21 Troopers.
- Responsible for maintaining the ability to rapidly deploy the platoon to support the troop and Squadron Combined Arms Task Force in worldwide contingency operations.
- Responsible for the accountability and maintenance posture of over 2.5 million dollars worth of equipment, vehicles, and weapon systems.
- Responsible for the training, discipline, health, welfare, and safety of 21 Troopers and their Families.
- Responsible for the professional development of the Troopers, setting the standard, and implementing the commander's policies and supporting other on post units as required. Additionally, responsible for troop safety, environmental compliance, publications and unit movement programs.

TRAINING

Operational Contract Support Course, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, 2013
Joint Planning Course, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 2012
Joint Course on Logistics, Fort Lee, VA 2008
Multinational Logistics Course, Fort Lee, VA 2007
Instructor Certification Course, Fort Lee, VA 2007
Support Operations Course, Fort Stewart, GA 2003
Petroleum Officer Course, Fort Lee, VA, 2003
Aerial Delivery and Materiel Officer Course, Fort Lee, VA, 2003
Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 2003
Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Fort Lee, VA, 2003
Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA, 2002
Supply and Services Management Officer Course, Fort Lee, VA 2001
Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Fort Knox, KY, 2000
Armor Officer Basic Course, Fort Knox, KY, 1999

CERTIFICATIONS

AACSB Bridge Program Graduate, 2019
Certified Army Instructor – Department of the Army, 2018
Lean Six Sigma – Green Belt, Department of the Army, 2013
Demonstrated Senior Logistician, SOLE – The International Society of Logistics, 2007

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & ACTIVITIES

Golden Key International Honor Society, Member, 2016 – present
Tau Sigma Honor Society, Member, 2016 – present
National Society of Pershing Rifles, Operations Officer, 1998 – 1999, Member, 1998 – present
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, Area Coordinator, 2009 – 2010, Member, 2007 – present
Association of Quartermasters, Member, 2012 – present