Brandon **Gottshall**

Blazin' Brigade Section Leader Candidate • Low Brass • Marine Corps Veteran

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Leadership Profile

Marine Corps veteran, accredited technology instructor, and former low brass section leader with experience leading teams in high-pressure environments, training and mentoring learners from beginner to advanced, and building cohesive ensembles. Known for leading from the front, setting clear expectations, and using structured systems (SOPs, mentorship frameworks, and daily practice plans) to help people grow with confidence and accountability.

Leadership & Ensemble Experience

High School Band Program

Section Leader — Low Brass   *Junior Year - Senior Year*

- Led the low brass section through rehearsals, performances, and marching operations.
- Ran sectionals, coordinated drill corrections, and enforced musical and marching standards.
- Tracked attendance and readiness for every rehearsal, game, and competition.
- Coached newer players on fundamentals, tone, and confidence in game-day environments.

United States Marine Corps   *MCAS Cherry Point, NC*

Corporal — Quality Control NCO   *Feb 2019 - Aug 2019*

- Maintained readiness and compliance for $7M+ in utilities engineering assets, coaching junior Marines through inspections and safety checks.
- Authored and enforced QC SOPs that cut rework and kept repairs audit-ready.
- Briefed command teams on performance metrics, representing the shop in readiness reviews.

United States Marine Corps   *MCAS Cherry Point, NC*

Corporal — Assistant Maintenance Chief   *Apr 2018 - Feb 2019*

- Scheduled and prioritized life-support equipment repairs to keep expeditionary sites mission-ready.
- Coordinated parts requisitions and vendor contracts for $7M+ worth of gear.
- Led daily stand-ups and on-the-job coaching for technicians to close priority work orders.

United States Marine Corps   *Deployed*

Deployment Leadership — Operation Inherent Resolve   *2017*

- Deployed to run redundant power for forward sustainment sites supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.
- Kept shelter, climate-control, and mission systems online under austere, high-risk conditions.
- Trained Marines on preventative maintenance and emergency recovery drills to preserve readiness.

Nebula Academy   *Remote*

Accredited Technology Instructor   *Oct 2023 - Mar 2025*

- Designed and delivered Power Platform, Python, and web curricula anchored in adult-learning frameworks.
- Mentored cohorts of professionals and K–12 learners through project critiques and code reviews.
- Built LMS- and sandbox-based practice environments with structured assessments.

Moons Out Media   *Remote*

Technical Director (Software Engineering)   *Mar 2025 - Present*

- Set the engineering roadmap and SOPs for a media-tech studio, aligning stack choices with creative goals.
- Architected TypeScript/Next.js platforms and automation tooling that supported production teams.
- Mentored junior engineers while enforcing code review, CI/CD, and monitoring practices.

Effortless Development   *Brooklyn, NY*

Technical Lead & Co-Founder   *Jan 2020 - Jul 2022*

- Co-founded a distributed agency, owning technical scoping, staffing, and delivery for client builds.
- Led pods of developers and designers through stand-ups, retros, and QA rituals.
- Handled client communication end-to-end, translating needs into repeatable delivery processes.

Education

General Assembly   *New York, NY*

Software Engineering Immersive   *2019 - 2020*

Brooklyn College, CUNY   *Brooklyn, NY*
Computer Science (12 Credits)   *Fall 2021*
American InterContinental University   *Chandler, AZ*
General Studies   *2016 - 2017*

Skills & Strengths

Leadership & Ensemble — leading from the front, low brass section leadership, running sectionals, enforcing standards, building cohesion and accountability

Instruction & Mentoring — one-on-one coaching, breaking down complex skills, designing practice plans, project-based learning, constructive feedback

Operational & Systems — SOP design, readiness management, quality control mindset, safety and risk awareness, comfortable creating simple tools/resources to support teams

Certifications

Nebula Academy   Accredited Technology Instructor (2023–2025)
U.S. Department of Defense   Secret Security Clearance (2015–2019)