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Profile	A decorated and highly motivated French Foreign Legion veteran and a proven hostile environment expert seeking to leverage more than 20 years of achievements earned throughout the course of active and reservist duty as well as various security management positions. Goal driven professional demonstrating outstanding leadership, charisma, initiative, team spirit, honesty, confidentiality and loyal devotion to duty in order to provide the highest level of care. Proven management experience from a variety of assignments undertaken in the military and the private security sector, including the management of multinational staff in various types of operations. Looking to continue an already successful career providing training and support to foreign armed forces and private industries.		
Key Skills & Specialized Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– French Language (mother tongue)– English Language (fluent)– Officer Leadership– Project Planning, Management, and Development– Program of Instruction Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– HEAT trainer– Firearms instructor– CIMIC qualified (Team Leader / Liaison Officer)– Demining / EOD Officer level 1– Commando and airborne qualified	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Combat Engineer trainer (company / battalion level)– Infantry trainer (platoon level)– Soldier Skills Trainer– Field Training Exercise
ACOTA and Africa Experience	<p>PSO Trainer, PAE ACOTA: Feb. 2015 – Present Niger: Feb. – Apr. 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Conducted tactical courses for NCOs and officers at section, platoon and company level■ Developed and presented tactics and technics to include soldier skills, react to enemy contact, patrol and convoy, first aid courses, navigation, crowd control and escalation of force in the French language■ Taught courses in identification and mitigation of the threats from mines, IEDs and UXOs■ Ensured that human rights and protection of civilians' instruction was incorporated and reiterated throughout all tasks <p>International Guards Supervisor, Galea, Egypt: Jul. 2013 – Jan. 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ In charge of the guard force (110 non-armed guards) dedicated to the security of the European Union Representation in Cairo■ Conducted self-defense courses, basic first aid trainings, reaction to an incident, firefighting and violence de-escalation■ Taught the patrols' team-members (6 motorized patrols) the proper use of their vehicles, defensive driving, radio-communication skills and reaction to road-traffic accidents <p>Mali, GIZ: Apr. 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A 2 weeks HEAT and personal security course for international and national staff members of the GIZ representation in Bamako■ Conducted refresher courses for the GIZ guard force in firefighting, reaction to verbal and physical violence and entry control procedures■ Developed a specific sexual violence and harassment awareness course for the GIZ local staff <p>Military adviser, Central African Republic (confidential company): Sept. to Dec. 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Prepared, developed and monitored a training program for the CAR armed forces and the Presidential Guard <p>Djibouti, French Foreign Legion (Sergeant): 1999 and 2000 (4 months deployments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Presented combat engineer technics and tactics to Djiboutian and Ethiopian armed forces to include mine clearance operations, use of explosives, polluted areas reconnaissance, reaction to landmine accidents and first aid■ Responsible for implementation of training exercises from squad to section level■ Executed live firearms and live explosives exercises		
Military Experience	<p>Army reserve officer (Captain), CIMIC – 2010 to 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Trained as a CIMIC team leader and a CIMIC liaison officer■ One deployment in Eastern Afghanistan as a CIMIC liaison officer in COP Mahmud-e Raqi. Mentoring the ANA local officers in logistic and maintenance matters <p>Officer (1st Lieutenant), French Foreign Legion – Aug. 2005 to Oct. 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Served 6 months as the Deputy Company Commander, Command and Support Company, 1st Engineers Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (1er REG). Responsible for the training of the company personnel, in charge of the follow-up of the maintenance of the company's weapons, vehicles and material■ Crossing support platoon leader (boats and mobile bridges), 1st Engineers Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (1er REG). In charge of the HR management of the platoon, training, preparedness and operational improvement of the legionnaires and NCOs■ One deployment in French Guyana (5 months). Jungle commando training, long range jungle patrols, border control and protection of the Ariane rocket launch station <p>Student at the Army Combat Engineers School (ESAG) – Sept. 2004 to Jul. 2005</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Trained as a combat engineer platoon leader ■ Mine clearance operations at a platoon level ■ Use and effects of the explosives ■ Base implementation, fortification and reinforcement ■ Bridges construction and destruction <p>Student at the Joint Military Academy (EMIA) - Sept. 2002 to Jul. 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Army officers' course ■ University degree in foreign languages (English and German) ■ 5 weeks deployment in French Guyana (jungle commando training) ■ 4 weeks commando training in Montlouis (French National Commando Training School) ■ 2 weeks military study in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria) ■ 2 weeks NATO Peacekeeping Operations course in Austria ■ 3 weeks military study in Germany (292 Jäger Battalion) <p>French Foreign Legion – 1995 to 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Private to Staff Sergeant ■ Corporal, Trainer at the 4th Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (4^{ème} RE / Legion's training center) ■ Corporal, squad leader at the 6th Engineers Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (6^{ème} REG) / 2nd company (mountain warfare specialized) ■ Sergeant, section leader at the 1st Engineers Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (1st REG) / 1st company (amphibious operations specialized) ■ Staff Sergeant, deputy platoon leader at the 1st Engineers Regiment of the French Foreign Legion (1st REG) / 1st company (amphibious operations specialized) ■ 2 deployments in Djibouti <p>French Armed Forces, 110th Infantry Regiment, French-German Brigade (Germany) – 1993 to 1995</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ National military service as a conscript officer (2nd Lieutenant) ■ 6 months as the regimental basic training platoon leader ■ 12 months as a combat platoon leader in the 1st company ■ Several joint French-German exercises in Germany and France
Civilian Experience	<p>Independent Contractor, ERYs Group, Afghanistan: Feb. 2014 to Jan. 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Security Coordinator for the Northern Afghanistan Railway Study ■ Responsible for the security of the people and the premises of the NARS project (Kabul and Northern provinces) ■ Provided daily assessments and advised about the security situation ■ Conducted basic trainings (radio-communication procedures, first-aid, 4 wheel-driving, mine and IED awareness course...) to the LSO, guards and drivers <p>Independent Contractor, GALEA, Egypt: Jul. 2013 to Jan. 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Guards Supervisor ■ Responsible for the physical security of the EU representation in Cairo (including the EU Ambassador residence and the EU expatriates' villas) ■ Provided daily assessments and advised about the security situation ■ Conducted regular basic courses for the guards and the mobile units <p>Independent Contractor, ATHENA, worldwide: Nov. 2011 to Dec. 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Founder and manager of Athena Defense and Security, a French security company specialized in HEAT trainings, pre-deployment briefings and security audits ■ Training and audit missions performed in Mali, Egypt, Congo Brazaville, USA, Norway and France <p>Independent Contractor, GEOS Group, Afghanistan: Sept. 2009 to Nov. 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regional Service Manager for THALES FOC+ (a NATO ISAF contracted communication project) ■ Under the direct command of the Project Manager in charge of the HR and Operational Management of the expatriate technicians deployed throughout Afghanistan (90) ■ Conducted security and technical audits of all the THALES FOC+ sites <p>Independent Contractor, GEOS Group, Afghanistan: Nov. 2007 to Aug. 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Security Manager for THALES FOC+ (a NATO ISAF contracted communication project) ■ Responsible for the security of the people and the premises of the 80 THALES locations throughout Afghanistan ■ Provided daily assessments and advised about the security situation ■ Conducted induction briefing, mine and IED awareness courses, crisis management training and various exercises ■ Managed 2 relevant crisis and several MEDEVAC for international staff

Certifications & Clearances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint Military Academy (EMIA / Officers' course) graduated – Combat Engineer Officers' course graduated – Combat Engineer NCOs' course graduated – EOD Officer level 1 (French "Minex 2") – Small arms instructor – Instructional and Maintenance Experience with the: Famas, Minimi, M4, M16, G3, G36, AK-47 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NATO Peacekeeping Operations certificate – Secret Security Clearance (2015) – Combat Life Saver – HLZ marker and guider – Airborne qualified – Commando course (jungle warfare) 	
Education & Credentials	<p>-Ongoing: a 4th year of university in Security and Defense (University of Reims-Champagne, France)</p> <p>-Ongoing: a 4th year of university in Criminology and Profiling (University of Toulouse Capitole, France)</p> <p>-A 3rd year of university degree (French "Licence") in Operational Management (2009)</p> <p>-A 2nd year of university degree (French "DEUG") in foreign languages (2004)</p> <p>Most recent MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Criminology", CNAM (France) - "Understanding violence", Emory University (USA) - "Negotiation and conflict resolution", MGSM University (Australia) - "Terrorism and counter-terrorism", Leyden University (Holland) 		