

Ata Perata

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Quality & Compliance Leader | 24-Year Navy Veteran | CAPA • Design Controls • Risk Management

Quality and Compliance Leader with 24 years in Naval Aviation who transitioned into medical devices, applying aerospace precision to healthcare innovation. Within one year, improved documentation accuracy and audit readiness by 20% through streamlined design controls, CAPA, and risk management systems.

WORK EXPERIENCE

VerAvanti Inc.

Bothell, WA • 05/2024 - 10/2025

Quality Assurance Lead

Supported a medical device team developing a product on track for FDA breakthrough designation. Strengthened documentation control and traceability processes that kept builds compliant and audit-ready.

- Enhanced design controls and DHF/DMR traceability, improving release readiness and audit response time by 25% in the first year.
- Partnered with engineering on validation (V&V, IQ/OQ/PQ), saving 8 days per qualification cycle and accelerating approvals in 2024
- Led investigations (NCMR/MRB) that reduced repeat defects by 30% within 6 months.
- Integrated Smartsheet dashboards with SolidWorks PDM for real-time visibility and data-driven decisions.
- Led the implementation of updated SOPs that ensured 100% compliance with GMP standards, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing audit findings within 12 months.

U.S. Navy

06/2000 - 05/2024

Force Readiness, Training and Inspection

Directed readiness operations focused on performance reliability and process integrity.

- Created transparent inspection frameworks that shortened audit closure times by 40% within one year.
- Designed simulation-based training that achieved 100% compliance and zero incidents in 12 months.
- Applied FMEA and proactive risk methods within a 11-month span to maintain operational readiness and mission safety standards.

Airworthiness and Safe for Flight Authority

Managed aircraft release authority ensuring mission safety and operational readiness.

- Exercised Safe for Flight authority verifying compliance, readiness, and airworthiness within a 23-month period.
- Managed multimillion-dollar assets with zero safety incidents in 2021 and 2022.
- Coordinated maintenance, logistics, and operations to sustain a 100% mission completion rate within the 2021–2022 operational period.

SKILLS

- **Quality and Compliance:**
CAPA, Design Controls, ISO 13485, Risk Management (ISO 14971), Root Cause Analysis, Validation (V&V, IQ/OQ/PQ)
- **Tools and Systems:**
Documentation Control, eQMS, FDA QSR/QMSR, Process Mapping, Smartsheet, SolidWorks PDM
- **Leadership and Operations:**
Continuous Improvement, Cross-Functional Collaboration, Lean Six Sigma, Operational Readiness

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Enterprise Architecture and Business Transformation

Penn State University
World Campus
08/2024 - 11/2026

Expected 2026

Associate of Arts, General Studies

Columbia College
01/2017 - 01/2018

Master Training Specialist

Transformed technical training into a results-driven learning system for aviation operations.

- Rebuilt qualification pipelines that shortened training time by two weeks per rotation
- Mentored instructors and SMEs, increasing certification pass rates by 25 percent

Senior Quality Assurance Manager

- Reduced compliance issues by 10 percent within 12 months through data-driven inspection planning
- Eliminated recurring avionics failures, saving more than 60 maintenance hours per quarter

Continuous Process Improvement Analyst

Led Lean Six Sigma initiatives that improved process reliability and reduced waste.

- Cut cycle time by 20 percent through workflow redesign and analytics-driven decisions
- Established preventive tracking systems that reduced schedule deviations by 15 percent

Aviation Technical Specialist

Maintained and troubleshoot complex avionics systems ensuring flight safety.

- Maintained and repaired advanced avionics systems in compliance with MIL-STD and IPC-A-610 standards, improving reliability and reducing rework by 15%.
- Enhanced Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI) techniques, saving 12 hours per inspection cycle and restoring full mission capability within 24 hours of critical failures.

CERTIFICATIONS

Quality Improvement and Management	07/2025
Board Infinity	
Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Series	06/2025
Johns Hopkins University	
Medical Technology and Evaluation	05/2025
University of Minnesota	
Six Sigma Black Belt	01/2025
LinkedIn Learning	
Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt	05/2013
U.S. Naval Education and Training	