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Education

Duke University

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, May 2013

Professional

Naval Aviator, May 2013- Present. Grade: O-3, 2198 pilot hours

- Airline Transport Pilot
- Certified Flight Instructor, Certified Flight Instructor Instrument, Multi Engine Instructor
- Holds a Second Class Medical

USS Gerald R Ford. July 2021 – January 2023. *Naval Station Norfolk, VA 23510. In excess of 40 hours a week.*

- Graduated Ship Self-Defense System Watch-stander School in Dam Neck, Virginia in 2021.
- Deployed to the South China Sea in support of carrier strike group operations and participated in a joint exercise with the American, Japanese, German, French and Australian military.
- Hand chosen as midshipmen coordinator to ensure assigned military academy students would have berthing, uniforms and required computer access. Planned visits to eight other commands and numerous briefs on shipboard operations and available careers.
- Selected and trained as a Casualty Assistance Calls Officer to provide information, resources and assistance to servicemember's next-of-kin in the event of a sailor's death or casualty.
- Positions and Responsibilities
 - Tactical Action Officer: Responsible for the employment and maneuvering of the aircraft carrier as a weapons platform. Hold weapons release authority for all self-defense weapons on board and designated by the Captain to run the Combat Direction Center watchfloor.
 - Air Defense Warfare Coordinator: Maintained awareness and ordered intercepts against all airborne traffic around the aircraft carrier. Designated to stand in as the air defense warfare commander watch for the carrier strike group.
 - Combat Direction Center Watch Officer: Used all available shipboard sensors to build a comprehensive tactical picture of all surface and subsurface traffic around the aircraft carrier. Directly supervised four watch-standing positions.

VT-6: Instructor Pilot in the T-6B Texan. October 2018 – July 2021. *7700 USS Enterprise St. Milton, FL. In excess of 40 hours a week.*

- Led trainee pilots through 912 mishap-free hours.
- Briefed student pilots extensively to evaluate general knowledge before conducting a ninety-minute flight during which the student would demonstrate maneuvers and receive instruction. Concluded flights with a debrief session to review areas required improvement and reinforce effective study techniques.
- Designated as a standardization instructor for the contact, aerobatics, instrument navigation and visual navigation syllabus. Designated as a check flight evaluator for the formation flying syllabus.
- Awarded Pensacola Lion's Club Instructor of the Year 2020 for excellence in training and instruction.
- Initiated and led a quick response team to identify members of the squadron and neighbors who had significant property damage due to Hurricane Sally and provide immediate help and repairs.
- **Naval Aviation Training and Operating Procedure Standardization (NATOPS) Officer**
 - Trained and evaluated the standardization of all squadron pilots and ensured their compliance with operating procedures and instructions. Reporting directly to the Commanding Officer, led the NATOPS division in safely training over 150 students and 46 instructors.
 - Instructed the Crew Resource Management Program, minimizing crew-preventable errors, maximizing crew coordination and optimizing risk management across the squadron. Held annual ground and flight training for all students and instructors.

VP-40: Mission Commander in the P3-C Orion. October 2015 – October 2018. *3560 N Charles Porter Ave. Oak Harbor, WA 98278. In excess of 40 hours a week.*

- Led a thirteen-person crew on 442 mishap-free flight hours and earned two combat air medals.
- Participated in anti-submarine, surface warfare and intelligence/reconnaissance missions in Turkey, Iraq, the Arabian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, Japan, South Korea, the East China Sea, the West China Sea and the Philippines.
- Designated as Patrol Plane Commander, Mission Commander, Functional Check Pilot and Crew Resource Management Unit Level Manager.
- **COMPTUEX Operations Lead**
 - Led the operations team for a six-crew detachment to San Diego in support of Composite Training Unit Exercise, an exercise required to certify aircraft carriers for deployment.
 - Coordinated the scheduling of four American, one Canadian and one Australian aircraft crew.
 - Planned and executed social events for the above crews as well as the Chilean submarine crew participating in the exercise.
- **Aviation Safety Officer**
 - Qualified at the School of Aviation Safety in Naval Air Station Pensacola and was designated as the squadron Aviation Safety Officer (ASO) for both VP-40 and VT-6.
 - Led the safety program for 300 sailors and aviators at VP-40 and 200 aviators at VT-6.
 - Responsibilities:
 - Reviewed both safety incident reports and instructions from headquarters and integrated process improvements to squadron policy. Independently set safety priorities for the squadron with minimal guidelines or instruction.

- Wrote and submitted squadron safety instructions to the Commanding Officer for publication based on instructions, service doctrine and anonymous feedback from squadron aviators.
- Directed the safety department during full squadron training on a quarterly basis.
- Conducted quarterly Aviation Safety Councils to address squadron safety concerns and train squadron leadership. Incorporated meeting minutes and input to squadron policies and submitted “best practices” to higher command for other units to reference.
- Safety Investigations
 - Led the investigation into a \$1.6 million mishap. Due to the serious nature of the mishap, the investigation team acted independently from any squadron leadership, reporting directly to the Naval Safety Center. Presented the findings and recommendations to the Commander of Naval Aviation, Pacific and they were promulgated across the Navy. Received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for the published safety investigation report.
 - Conducted fifty hazard reports documenting areas of concern for Naval Aviation and helped to improved practices and procedures across the fleet.

Academic Experience

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science 101, August 2012- May 2013. 10 hours a week.

- Taught two lectures to 50+ students.
- Conducted labs to reinforce concepts and test knowledge.
- Graded assignments and held office hours for additional instruction.

IT Consultant for Duke Community Outreach Program, August 2012- May 2013. 10 hours a week.

- Maintained and replaced computer and network systems at Lyon Park afterschool program.
- Organized and held small classes about online resources and safety for middle school students.

Duke ROTC, August 2009 – May 2013.

- Battalion guide, Squadron Leader and Public Affairs Officer

Civic Engagement

Upchieve Tutor, January 2021 – October 2022. 2 hours a week.

- Volunteer tutor for high school students on an online platform
- Certified in Pre-algebra, Algebra I, SAT Reading and Humanities Essays.

Pensacola Humane Society, May 2020 – July 2021. 10 hours a week

- Foster cat caretaker. Found homes for six cats during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Posted social media posts to raise awareness and promote adoptions.

Open Books, June 2019 – March 2020. 2 hours a week.

- Helped to select and pack books for prisoners in Florida prisons.

Pediatric Aquatic Life Skills Instructor, August 2010-May 2011. 4 hours a week.

- Founding member of an organization to help children diagnosed with cancer achieve confidence in the water and learn valuable life skills

Skills and Interests

- **Recreational Aviation** – Airline Transport Pilot Certification
- **Programming** – App with 100K downloads on Google Play Store
- **Sailing** – ASA 101

References

- **USS Gerald R. Ford**: CDR Marc Foreman, Operations Officer, (757) 506-9613
- **VT-6**: CDR David Mims, Commanding Officer, (904) 537-3975
- **VP-40**: CDR Walter Pak, Operations Officer, (916) 225-2959
- **Pensacola Humane Society**: Aly Martinez, Foster Lead, (850) 432-4250