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EDUCATION

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| 1962-1966 | California Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo CA BS Electrical Engineering (with Honors) |
| 1967-1969 | University of Washington, Seattle MS Electrical Engineering |
| 1972-1976 | University of California, Los Angeles PhD Engineering Systems (Dynamic Systems Control) |

CAREER OVERVIEW

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| 1966-1988 | <p>21 years uniformed military service concluded as Lt Colonel, USAF (Colonel Select). Last military position, Director of Integration for the B-52 Bomber Modernization Program, Wright Patterson AFB, OH.</p> <p>Career assignments in evaluation of emerging technologies, systems engineering and acquisition management. Published peer-reviewed papers in classified and unclassified literature for air traffic control testing, radar propagation in heavy rain, space based radar systems technology, electronic intelligence collection systems, strategic nuclear attack detection and warning, advanced target location techniques from low altitude aircraft.</p> |
| 1988- 2009 | <p>21 years civilian service in defense aerospace industry as operations research analyst, computer assisted training developer, military intelligence domain architect, course developer and lecturer in open source intelligence collection and internet-based market research. Last position Chief Systems Engineer, Technology Integrated Product Team - US ARMY Future Combat Systems program (SAIC Inc, Tysons Corners VA).</p> <p>Extensive papers in classified literature, addressing large-scale systems acquisition and systems analysis for systems of systems; evaluation of emerging military technologies; modeling of military command, control and communications networks.</p> |
| 1996-Present | <p>Volunteer patient advocate and healthcare writer, medical literature analyst, information miner. Website designer, webmaster and moderator for chronic pain patients, families and medical professionals in peer to peer social media.</p> |

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| 1996 – 2001 | US Trigeminal Neuralgia Association - webmaster and member of the Board. Revised, re-hosted and researched source materials for a website serving 5000+ chronic neurological face pain patients. With Cindy Fleishman, designed the first US national survey of diagnosis and treatment outcomes in Trigeminal Neuralgia, compiling over 12,000 patient responses. 2001 Aesculapius Award for Excellence in Web-Based Healthcare Communication, by the Health Improvement Institute. |
| 2001-2010 | Volunteer moderator, commentator and Web author in multiple chronic pain forums for peer to peer support groups including About.com, WebMD, and US Trigeminal Neuralgia Association. |
| 2010-2015 | Subject matter expert, research analyst and moderator for “Living With TN”, an online-community within the Ben’s Friends group for patients rare medical disorders. |
| 2013-2021 | Subject matter expert and healthcare writer for ~50 Facebook groups focused on chronic pain patients and families. Extensive publications on issues of public policy in the prescription of opioid analgesics for management of chronic intractable pain. Director of Research for the Alliance for the Treatment of Intractable Pain, a network of ~450 medical professionals, healthcare writers, support group leaders, knowledgeable patients and family members. |

EARLY CAREER PUBLICATIONS

US DEFENSE COMMUNITY

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| Conference Proceedings: | Co-Editor, “Proceedings of the Conference on Analytical Thinking and Organizational Culture,” CIA Colloquium on the 21 st Century, October 1998 |
| Presentations: | <p>“Internet Sites of Interest to Department of Defense – A Corporate Perspective,” invited presentation to the November 1995 users conference of the Defense Technical Information Center, Alexandria VA</p> <p>“Impacts of the Internet on Post-Secondary Education,” invited presentation to the 1995 faculty off-site conference of Shenandoah University, Front Royal VA.</p> |
| Web Publications: | <p>“Quick Search the Internet” – Internet research training course on “Voice of The Shuttle”, University of California Santa Barbara, 1993</p> <p>http://vos.ucsb.edu/shuttle/Lawhern.html</p> |
| Websites: | Allegheny General Hospital Department of Neurosurgery – Cranial Nerve Center: http://www.asri.edu/AGH/neuro/janetta/ |

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