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HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University (2017)
- ❖ BFA In Film Production - Chapman University (2007)
- ❖ U.S. Navy Veteran (Gunner's Mate, Diving Officer, and Public Affairs Officer)
- ❖ Project manager for general contracting and real estate development company
- ❖ Over 75 narrative, commercial, live event, music video & industrial credits
- ❖ Well-travelled with broad-reaching cultural experiences & a global perspective

After a rewarding undergraduate film education at Chapman University and four years as a freelance cinematographer, I put my film career on hold and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy to broaden my life experience, face more mental and physical challenges, gain exposure to different demographics, and to personally see more of our remarkable world.

I have had varied and successful careers in the U.S. Navy, as a freelance filmmaker, and as a construction manager and supervisor. My positions have ranged from junior staff member and enlisted serviceman, to department head, crew manager, and Naval officer.

As a filmmaker, I am motivated, inquisitive, and creative, driven by personal and team success, job satisfaction, and meaningful interpersonal relationships. While technology may change, the talent and basic aptitude to create meaningful stories through film are innate and instinctive. I pride myself on my logistics & planning, my strong leadership and communication skills, as well as my innate abilities and passionate approach to film making.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FEB. 2015 - PRESENT

PROJECT MANAGER: CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES, INC. (TULSA, OK)

- Managed multiple construction sites for general contractor; managing direct reports, supplies, logistics, and scheduling.
- My primary projects during my time with Construction Enterprises was the management for the complete renovation and modernization of three 50+ year old houses in historic midtown Tulsa. This included extensive demolition, framing, electrical, entertainment systems, plumbing, HVAC, concrete, assorted flooring, paint, irrigation, custom steelwork, landscaping, and more.

SEP. 2010 – JAN. 2015

LIUTENANT (J.G.) // 2ND CLASS PETTY OFFICER: UNITED STATES NAVY

- **Lieutenant (J.G.):** Officer Candidate School (Newport, RI) and Naval Dive & Salvage Training Center (Panama City, FL.)

Trained as a Naval Diving Officer. Planned, organized, and executed numerous military dives for underwater construction, salvage, and recovery training purposes. Military divers must have mastery of specialized equipment and techniques under severe conditions; especially pneumatic, hydraulic, and hydrostatic pressurized systems, dive medicine and hyperbaric systems, site safety and security, and communication under restricted and sensitive operational parameters.

Additional Duties: Deputy Public Affairs Officer and press liaison for Naval Support Activity, Panama City. Managed base newspaper, internal publications, social media, and base documentation.

- **Gunner's Mate (GM) 2nd Class Petty Officer:** USS Cowpens (CG-63) and USS Antietam (CG-54); Yokosuka, Japan.

The duties of a shipborne Gunner's Mate include maintaining the armory, all guns, munitions, ordnance, weapons systems, complex equipment, and hazardous materials. GM's also train and certify crewmembers in small arms, crew-served weapons, and shipboard/pier/base security. Working on a ship is a grueling round-the-clock operation, with constant drills, training, exercises, and operations with a wide variety of tools and specialized equipment, requiring intense discipline and unwavering focus. Most importantly, the camaraderie and personnel management skills developed while working in close quarters for long periods has been invaluable.

Additional Duties: Chief Armorer, Master Helmsman, Fitness Counselor, Ship's Reaction Force.

MAY. 2007 – PRESENT

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: FREELANCE

Freelance Cinematographer in Los Angeles, CA.

- The Director of Photography is usually considered the second-in-command to the Director on a film set. It is a uniquely challenging position in cinema, as it requires a balanced mastery of technical minutiae and complex technology, artistic vision, attention to detail, and, most importantly, managerial prowess. The most rewarding part of being a good cinematographer was learning to effectively communicate my vision to such varied personalities as grizzled technicians, business-oriented producers, and artistic actors and directors, all while staying on time and under budget.
- In my film career, I "shot" three independent feature-length films and over 30 short films, while also working in other capacities on over 50 other short and feature films, music videos, commercials, and more. I have worked with and managed crews from 1 to 100. Most recently, I directed live events/broadcasts for Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) and the Walk Away Campaign on the National Mall.
- Productions in Dubai, Shanghai, New York City, Washington, D.C., Florida, and the Philippine Islands for a variety of clients including – Emirates Airlines, DARPA, University of Florida, Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences, Ultra Technologies – and the 2008 Presidential Inauguration.

EDUCATION

APRIL 2017

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY (MALIBU, CA)

GPA: 3.33

CLUBS: PEPPERDINE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIETY; PEPPERDINE VETERANS SOCIETY

MAY 2007

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (FILM PRODUCTION): CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY (ORANGE, CA)

MINOR IN JAPANESE

GPA: 3.54; CUM LAUDE, GREY KEY SOCIETY

CLUBS: CHAPMAN CINEMATOGRAPHY CLUB; CHAPMAN RADIO; JAPANESE CLUB

NOMINATED: 2007 CECIL AWARD FOR BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY: "POSSESSION"

SKILLS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Security Clearance: Top Secret/Secure Compartmentalized Information● Military Awards: Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Navy Achievement Medal, Battle "E" Ribbon (x2), Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (x2), Sea Service Ribbon (x2), Global War on Terror Medal, Joint Unit Meritorious Commendation, National Defense Medal, Expert Marksman (x2.)● Extensive education & experience with a variety of camera systems, digital interfaces, and film/TV studio and field production equipment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Extensive experience with most tools and their uses, including: Power Tools, Pneumatic Tools, Welding, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, Carpentry, etc.● Proficient with: Avid, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, Final Draft, Movie Magic, Web, and Social Media.● Travel: 36 countries, 47 states.● Extensive training and educational experience teaching English as a second language, TaeKwon-Do, photography & firearms. |
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ACTIVITIES

In my free time, I enjoy travelling and being outdoors – SCUBA diving, climbing/mountaineering, hunting, fishing, sailing, photography, and winter sports. Over the years, I've grown to love construction, renovating, building projects, vehicle maintenance, and working outdoors. Additionally, I have organized and captained several amateur sports teams in California and Oklahoma and am also a 3rd degree black belt in TaeKwon-Do.

REFERENCES

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