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## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Master of Fine Arts (Film Directing) from Chapman University (I/P) (2023)
- ❖ Master of Business Administration (Entrepreneurship) from Pepperdine University (2017)
- ❖ BFA In Film Production (Cinematography) from Chapman University (2007)
- ❖ Project manager for general contracting and real estate company (2015-Present)
- ❖ Naval Diving Officer and Public Affairs Officer at Naval Support Activity Panama City (2014-2015.)
- ❖ Proficient with Most Camera Systems, Post-Production workflows, EP Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, MS Office Suite, Google Office, and Social Media.

I am a motivated, inquisitive, and creative worker driven by personal and team success, job satisfaction, and meaningful interpersonal relationships. I have had varied and successful careers as a servicemember, filmmaker, and construction supervisor both as a junior employee/enlisted member and as a manager/officer. I've participated in or managed a wide range of projects from building my own house to military or entertainment operations with dozens or hundreds of contributors. I believe my past accomplishments demonstrate well my flexibility, adaptability, and willingness to learn.

I pride myself on my logistics & planning, leadership, and communication skills – “from the trenches to the boardroom.”

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**MAY. 2007 – PRESENT**

### **DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: FREELANCE**

**Freelance director/cinematographer in Los Angeles, CA.**

- In my film career, I've shot three independent feature-length films and over 30 short films, while also working in other capacities on over 70 other short and feature films, music videos, commercials, and more. I have worked with and managed crews from 1 to 100. My most recent large project was the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) 2015 Robotics Challenge, a live event with 19 simultaneous live cameras and operators across all of the Pomona Fairplex. My current focus is narrative projects, though I have experience in live TV, music videos, commercials, and industrials.
- 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 WORKED IN DUBAI, SHANGHAI, NEW YORK CITY, WASHINGTON, D.C., FLORIDA, AND THE PHILIPPINES FOR A VARIETY OF CLIENTS INCLUDING – EMIRATES AIRLINES, DARPA, U. OF FLORIDA, ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURES AND SCIENCES, ULTRA TECHNOLOGIES – AND THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.

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 in my time with C.E.I. was the complete renovation and modernization of three 50+ year old houses in 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

**LIEUTENANT (J.G.) // 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS PETTY OFFICER: UNITED STATES NAVY**

- **Gunner's Mate (GM) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- **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.

## EDUCATION

MAY 2023 (IN PROGRESS)

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS (FILM DIRECTING): CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY (ORANGE, CA)**

GPA: 3.47

CLUBS: DODGE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, CHAPMAN VETERAN'S SOCIETY

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 RIBBON RECIPIENT

CLUBS: CHAPMAN CINEMATOGRAPHY CLUB, CHAPMAN RADIO, JAPANESE CLUB

## SKILLS

- **Security Clearance:** Top Secret/Secure Compartmentalized Information (Currently Inactive.)
- **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 experience with most tools and their uses, including: Power Tools, Pneumatic Tools, Welding, Electrical, HVAC, plumbing, etc.
- Proficient with: Most Camera Systems, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop/Premiere/After Effects), Avid Video Editing software, Web, and Social Media.
- Travel (Recreational and Professional): 36 countries, 47 states.
- Extensive training and educational experience: teaching English as a second language, TaeKwon-Do, and Navy firearms.

## ACTIVITIES

In my free time, I enjoy travelling and being outdoors – SCUBA diving, mountaineering, hunting, fishing, sailing, photography, and winter sports. As our family has a construction background, I enjoy 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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in TaeKwon-Do.

## REFERENCES

**Deborah Kates:** Manager, Construction Enterprises, Inc. // 918.269.7598

**Charles Wheatly:** CEO, Ultra Technologies // 352.219.7110

**Richard Phillips:** CEO, Phillips Steel // 918.519.0835

**Jeff Phillips:** Writer/Director; Writers Guild of America // 714.965.0578

**Michael Malenitza:** Director of Business Development, Ticketmaster // 310.625.6511

**SEE ALSO:** [Website:](http://www.jsv-film.com) (http://www.jsv-film.com)

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