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EDUCATION

- Commenced M.A. Program, Texas A&M University** 2016-Present
Thesis: "Coordinating Destruction: Joint Assault Signal Companies in the Pacific War"
Advisor: Dr. Brian Linn
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs** 2017
Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University
- B.S., United States Naval Academy** 2012
History, May 2012

MILITARY EDUCATION

- Basic Officer Course 5-12** July 2012-February 2013
The Basic School, Quantico, VA
- Studied fire team, squad, platoon, and company-sized Marine Corps infantry tactics. Trained as a rifle platoon commander and was evaluated on physical fitness, character, leadership, and academics throughout a six-month training curriculum.
- Air Support Control Officers Course 2-13** March-June 2013
USMC Air Schools, 29 Palms, CA
- Learned the fundamentals of procedural aircraft control and performed as an Air Support Control Officer (ASCO) in the Direct Air Support Center. While operating, an Air Support Control Officer is responsible for the safe routing of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft and de-confliction of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Received Honor Graduate Award for ASCO Course 2-13.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- Squadron Training Officer** July 2013-March 2014
Marine Air Support Squadron 1, MCAS Cherry Point, NC
- Responsible for the daily, monthly, and annual training of more than 290 Marines of Marine Air Support Squadron 1. Responsibilities included compiling and

publishing the Squadron's weekly training plan, ensuring all annual training requirements were properly completed and recorded, and executing the training guidance and intent of the Squadron Commanding Officer.

Air Support Element Assistant Officer-in-Charge April 2014-August 2015
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, NC

- Deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet Area of Operations and was responsible for carrying out the safe routing and de-confliction of all fixed and rotary-wing aircraft operating in the airspace.

Headquarters & Service Company Executive Officer September 2015-July 2016
Marine Air Support Squadron 1, MCAS Cherry Point, NC

- Responsible for the training, welfare, and administrative requirements of more than 20 officers and 75 enlisted Marines in Headquarters & Service Company. Duties include the supervision of numerous weekly and monthly reports as well as daily administrative and operational functions with the unit.

Advanced Degree Program August 2016-Present

- Selected on the 2016 Commandant's Career-Level Education Board to participate in the Marine Corps Advanced Degree Program. I will complete a Master of Arts in History in preparation for a subsequent teaching assignment at the United States Naval Academy.

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, & INVITED LECTURES

"The Guadalcanal Campaign: Attrition or Annihilation?" October 2016

- Invited Lecture, College Station, TX

"Adapt or Die: The U.S. Marines in the Pacific" October 2017

- Invited Lecture, College Station, TX

"A Tale of Survival: The U.S. Marine Corps in the 19th Century" December 2017

- Invited Lecture, College Station, TX

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Research Grant January 2017

- Awarded a research grant to pursue studies on World War II Joint Assault Signal Companies (as part of MA Thesis research).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor for Park University

December 2015-July 2016

- Served as an Adjunct Instructor for Park University on the USS *Iwo Jima* while teaching “American Historical Survey Since the Civil War.” I was responsible for creating course curriculum, assignments, lectures, and graded events for this college-level class. Throughout the deployment, I provided more than 60 hours of direct classroom instruction and additional tutoring for individual Marines.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Military History

Marine Corps Association