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Education

Texas A&M University **College Station, TX**
PhD in Military History (commenced Fall 2016)

U.S. Army War College **Carlisle, PA**
Master of Strategic Studies, 2005 (no GPA; Pass/Fail)

- Selected for Advanced Strategic Arts Program
- Strategic Research Paper won 1st place in Joint Chiefs of Staff Essay Contest

American Military University **Charles Town, WV**
Master of Arts (with Honors) in Unconventional Warfare, 2001

- GPA: 3.97/4.00

School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University **Quantico, VA**

- 11 month course in operational art and planning, 2001
- Course offered no MA (accredited in 2004); no GPA (Pass/Fail)

Command & Staff College, Marine Corps University **Quantico, VA**
Master of Military Studies, 2000

- GPA: 3.83/4.00; Distinguished Graduate

U.S. Naval Academy **Annapolis, MD**
Bachelor of Science (with Merit) in History, 1985

- GPA: 3.39/4.00 (3.77/4.00 in major)
- Academic Order of Merit: 102 of 1049; selected as Burke Scholar

Experience [Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)]

- 2011-2015 Director, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University
- Developed and taught 13 new lessons (total of 75 seminars over 3 years)
 - Led 6 planning problems and conducted the most extensive Staff Ride program among all DOD PME schools (7 countries; 40 days)
- 2009-2011 Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic
- Directed a staff of 194 Sailors, Marines, GS employees and contractors
 - Supervised 22 courses focused on amphibious operations, fire support and staff planning; graduated 4000 students per year; managed \$3.5M budget
- 2007-2009 Civil-Military Affairs Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force
- Deployed to Ramadi, Iraq in 2008; led 88 person civil-military team responsible for support to Governance, Economic Development, Rule of Law, Infrastructure, Health Services, and Education in Anbar Province

- 2005-2007 Faculty, Marine Command and Staff College
- Instructor: taught 56 seminars; developed and taught an elective course
 - Associate Dean for Warfighting: served as department head; supervised 15 Lieutenant Colonel instructors; directed 34% of the Staff College curriculum; developed four new operational planning exercises
- 2002-2004 Inspector-Instructor, 3d Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (3d ANGLICO)
- Deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation *Iraqi Freedom*
- 2001-2002 Plans Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF)
- Deployed to Kuwait as lead planner for Operation *Enduring Freedom* Consequence Management (Chemical-Biological-Nuclear) Task Force
 - Primary I MEF planner for Iraq post-conflict stability operations
- 1985-1999 Field Artillery Officer
- Honor Graduate, USA Field Artillery Officer Basic Course
 - Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Commander and Executive Officer, M198 155mm Howitzer Battery
 - Guard Officer, Marine Security Force, Diego Garcia
 - Marine Detachment Commander, *USS Holland (AS-32)*
 - Honor Graduate, USMC Amphibious Warfare School
 - Fire Support Coordinator, 6th Marine Regiment
 - Battery Commander, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit
 - Fire Support Coordinator, USA 75th Ranger Regiment
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Publications

- “Al Qaeda as Insurgency: The Quest for Islamic Revolution.” In *Strategic Challenges for Counterinsurgency and the Global War on Terrorism*, edited by Williamson Murray, 277-302. Carlisle, PA: Strategic Studies Institute, 2006. {This essay was also published in *Joint Forces Quarterly* 39, (4th Quarter 2005): 41-50.}
 - “ANGLICO: Deep Fires or Deep Six?” *USNI Proceedings*, (July 1998): 59-60.
 - “Flying Columns and OMFTS.” *Marine Corps Gazette*, (March 1998): 27-29.
 - “The Tyranny of Time.” *Marine Corps Gazette*, (June 1994): 46-47.
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Professional focus: Operational planning; amphibious operations; civil affairs in COIN

Personal interests: International travel (50 countries); college football; mountain treks (Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro, Rainier, Grand Teton, Shasta, Ben Nevis)