Former U.S. naval officer with 29 years of career Navy experience and achievements. Recognized as a consistent top-performer with an extensive professional track record, including outstanding leadership credentials, proven team management, trusted and accurate communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Highly motivated to provide the same level of dedicated service and commitment to a civilian corporation.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Oct 2021 – Mar 2022

Silver Lining Ltd. – Director, Communications

* Utilized Podio, Zoom, and Google Calendar to work remotely and maintain team collaboration across the organization.
* Planned, organized, and managed CEO speaking engagements and media appearances on numerous business podcasts and major news outlets, including Good Morning America, *Great Day Washington*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Forbes*, *Entrepreneur*, and European Business and Innovation Centre Network.
* Developed significant small business initiatives in collaboration with external communication teams at companies such as Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, GoDaddy, and Spotify.
* Created original/accessible content and wrote educational articles to build credibility, increase social proof and highlight the company and its small business clients.
* Wrote and edited various internal communications, including employee-related news and information, company-wide announcements, communication guidelines, and policies.

2007 - 2019

United States Navy – Public Affairs Officer

* Oversaw execution of comprehensive public affairs and community relations programs for 6 Major Commands and 171 tenant commands.
* Wrote and implemented Submarine Group Nine’s first communications plan outlining media relations and visits, crisis communications, strategic communication message development, and social media management.
* Provided key communications counsel and executive support to prepare leadership for internal and external communications engagements ranging from nuclear submarine emergencies to community events.
* Qualified Radiological Emergency Response Organization Public Affairs Branch Manager.
* Planned and executed several highly successful media outreach plans for high visibility events, including the *Academy Awards*, *Dancing with the Stars*, and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.
* Coached more than 550 staff and senior executives in the principals of public speaking and effective communication with media and public audiences. Taught on-camera presence and communication techniques to help executives look and feel relaxed, confident, energetic and engaging on-screen.
* Directly led, managed, and mentored more than 60 talented and award-winning communication specialists across the United States, onboard ships, and overseas.
* Won first place in the 2014 Russell Egnor Navy Media Awards for “Around the Island” news publication.
* Maintained strong partnerships with media outlets, public officials, corporate, and education groups.
* Formed Hollywood documentary film teams to chronical the U.S. Navy’s role in humanitarian efforts during the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and 2011 Tsunami in Japan.

**EDUCATION**

1998 Central Texas College AA General Studies

2005 University of Colorado BA Geography

**CERTIFICATES**

2020 LinkedIn Learning Strategic Thinking Certificate

2020 LinkedIn Learning Social Media Marketing

2020 LinkedIn Learning Public Relations Foundations

2020 LinkedIn Learning Crisis Communication

2020 LinkedIn Learning B2B Marketing Foundations

2020 LinkedIn Learning Assessing Digital Maturity

2020 LinkedIn Learning Project Management Simplified

2022 LinkedIn Learning Learning Premiere Pro

2022 LinkedIn Learning Learning SharePoint Online

2022 LinkedIn Learning Microsoft Teams Essential Training

2020 Emergency Mgmt Institute Intro to National Incident Mgmt System

2020 Emergency Mgmt Institute Intro to Incident Command System

**SPECIALTIES:**

Corporate Communications, Media Relations, Crisis Communications, Public Relations, Strategic Communications, Leading Communication Teams, Public Affairs, Implementing Complex Communication Strategies, Message Development, Communication Strategy Creation, Writing, Marketing Communications, Special Events Planning, Project Management, Community Relations and Outreach, Internal Communications, Video Production, Social Media Management.

**SKILLS:**

MS Teams, MS SharePoint, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Outlook, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Bridge, Adobe Premiere Pro, Podio, Zoom, AP Style Writer