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**PILOT
QUALIFICATIONS**

Commercial – Rotorcraft Helicopter
Instrument – Rotorcraft Helicopter
Flight Instructor – Rotorcraft Helicopter
Instrument Instructor – Rotorcraft Helicopter

Total Time – 2,284+ Helicopter – 2,100+ Airplane – 171.3
Instructor – 1,340+

EXPERIENCE

2020 to Present – Chief Helicopter Pilot for Hampton Roads Helicopters, Inc; Chesapeake, VA. Special projects include being a primary instructor on government contracts for training local, state, and federal law enforcement pilots through initial- and add-on helicopter ratings. Duties are also as a Part 91 corporate pilot.

2019 to Present – Part 135 line pilot for Hampton Roads Charter Services; Chesapeake, VA Line pilot with extensive overwater flights and shipboard landings.

2018 to 2020 Pilot and Instructor for Hampton Roads Helicopters, Inc; Chesapeake, VA. Flight instructor, helping dreamers achieve their Private, Instrument, Commercial and Instructor Rotorcraft Helicopter ratings. Tour pilot, conducting Part 91 commercial sightseeing flights.

2022 to Present – Joint Land Planner for Joint Enabling Capabilities Command; Norfolk, VA. US Army Reserve Officer slotted as a Joint Planner for the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command. The Joint Planning Support Element rapidly deploys joint planners, operators, logisticians, knowledge managers, public affairs and intelligence specialists to rapidly form Joint Force Headquarters.

2014 to 2022 – Director of Operations for 3rd Battalion, 414th Regiment, USAR; Fort Lewis, WA. Operations Officer (S3) of an Army Reserve battalion tasked with instructing officer candidates around the United States, and training units in preparation for deployments, worldwide. Special projects include leading a committee providing training for over 4,900 undergraduates from around the country, over several iterations, and conducting several lectures for thousands of leaders on the topic of Defense Support of Civil Authorities. Additional duties include an appointment as the battalion safety officer.

2007 to 2014 – Cavalry Officer for the US Army: Ft Hood, TX; Ft Carson, CO; Iraq; Afghanistan. Served as a company-grade cavalry officer, leading formations ranging in size from 12 to 120 soldiers, responsible for vehicles and equipment valued in excess of \$200 million. Executed combat operations in support of foreign military and civilian partners, as part of large scale efforts of the United States and NATO. Active duty career culminated as a Reconnaissance Troop Commander, with extensive experience demonstrating individualized, direct and organizational leadership, and extensive risk management and safety program development for organizations as large as 600.

EDUCATION

A.A.S. in Aviation, Central Oregon Community College – Bend, OR.
B.A. in Political Science, California State University – Fullerton, CA.
M.A. in Political Science, California State University – Fullerton, CA.
R-22 Helicopter Safety Course, Robinson Helicopters – Torrance, CA.
U.S. Army Aviation Captains Career Course – Fort Rucker, AL
Helicopter Overwater Survival Training, Survival Systems USA – Fort Rucker, AL