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**Employment History (5 years)**

AUG 2017-Present	Lexington, KY	Graduate Student	Assigned full time as a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, my sole focus is the study of American Literature in preparation for future assignment at USMA.
JUN 2017-AUG 2017	Fort Campbell, KY	Battery Commander	Preparing for and deploying for a multifaceted deployment to Afghanistan encompassed my entire attention throughout Battery Command. Responsible for 150 personnel, my primary tasks were to provide base security, logistics, indirect fire support covering three bases across Afghanistan, and partnering with my Afghan counterparts to bolster their own proficiency.
FEB 2015-JUN 2017	Fort Campbell, KY	Fire Support Officer	Deploying once to Afghanistan and through numerous training exercises across the country, I planned and resourced fire support for infantry and cavalry units. Throughout my time in this position, I managed and planned the training and biannual certification of 50 personnel and capably provided expertise to the squadron commander. In Afghanistan, I mentored Afghan officers and assisted in their planning and execution of both unilateral and partnered operations.
AUG 2014-FEB 2015	Fort Sill, OK	Captain's Career Course Student	Graduating on the Commandant's List, the Artillery Captain's Career Course taught the skills necessary to succeed as a staff officer in artillery and maneuver organizations.
JAN 2012-AUG 2014	Fort Carson, CO	Battery Executive Officer	Responsible for the maintenance and logistics for an armored artillery battery, my tasks revolved around logistics and ensuring the soldiers possessed the resources necessary to train at a high level. Additionally, I managed and participated in the training and certification of 90 personnel.

**Educational History**

SEP 2017-Present	Lexington, KY	University of Kentucky
MA in English Literature	GPA 4.0 – Graduate May 2019	

SEP 2008-MAY 2010	Mankato, MN	Minnesota State University
B.A. in English Literature	GPA 3.46 – Graduated Cum Laude	
JAN 2002-MAY 2004	Platteville, WI	UW- Platteville
No degree earned		
SEP 2001-DEC 2001	Roseville, MN	Northwestern College
No degree Earned		

### **Qualifications/Certifications**

Combatives Level 1	Combat Lifesaver Course
Parachutist’s Badge	Multiple Launcher Rocket System Leader Course
Air Assault Badge	Nuclear/Biological/Chemical/Radioactive Leader Course
Infantry Mortar Leader Course	Field Artillery Basic Officer Course
Bradley Leader Course	Field Artillery Captain’s Career Course
Precision Fires Course	Weaponneering Course

### **Awards**

2 x Bronze Stars  
1 x Meritorious Service Medal  
4 x Army Commendation Medals  
3 x Army Achievement Medals  
Combat Infantryman’s Badge

### **Publications**

*Artillery Fires in Non-Combat Operations* – FIRES Magazine 2015  
*Solving Precision Fires for Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Database System* – White Paper 2015  
*Fire Support under Operation Resolute Support* – INFANTRY Magazine 2016  
*Workarounds for First Generation Excalibur* – White Paper 2017

### **Professional Memberships**

National Artillery Association  
National Council for Teachers of English  
Association of the United States Army

### **Interests**

Powerlifting – I am a competitive athlete active in USA Powerlifting with experience training both athletes and soldiers.  
Literature – Not just my field of study, it is also my passion.