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## HELICOPTER PILOT / INSTRUCTOR / MARINE OFFICER

♦ Major USMC - Special Operations - 1600 Hours - Flight Leadership ♦

Aviation experience as a Section Leader, Division Leader, Forward Air Controller Airborne, Weapons Training Officer, Functional Checkflight Pilot and Night Systems Instructor. Over 1600 hours of flight time (no mishaps), 250 hours on Night Vision Goggles. Having operated helicopters from amphibious ships in the Pacific and Middle East, flown in combat operations in Iraq. Able to rapidly learn the operating characteristics of additional airframes, and determine their suitability for a variety of missions and locations. Skilled in the use of ground based laser systems, GPS navigation systems, map reading, thermal imagers, radio and satellite communications.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<b>B.A.</b>	International Politics, Minor in Military Studies	1995
<b>FAA Pilots License</b>	Federal Aviation Administration commercial pilot ratings in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft, in addition to instrument ratings.	1996
<b>Security Clearance</b>	TS/SCI (Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information)	to 2010

**Training:** US Army basic parachutist course, Special Warfare Free-Fall parachutist course, US Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape school. USAF AC-130 employment course, USAF Special Operations Liaison Element staff planning, USMC Tactical Air Control Party school. mid-grade officer professional military development courses. Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Basic. EMT-B registration expires in Feb 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Professional Marine Officer since 1995.

#### **ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER (INSTRUCTOR PILOT)**

*Mar 05 - Jun 07*

*HMLA/T-###, Location A CA,*

My primary job has been an AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter pilot. I have approximately 1600 hours of flight time, including 250 hours on Night Vision Goggles. I have operated helicopters from amphibious ships for 15 months during deployments to the Pacific and Middle East, and have flown in combat operations in Iraq.

#### As an Instructor:

- Teaching new pilots how to fly the AH-1W helicopter and to prepare them to be combat pilots: instruments, maneuvers, tactical navigation, terrain flight, weapons delivery and night vision goggle operations.
- Responsible for safe operation and employment of a \$14 million aircraft.

#### As Assistant Operation Officer:

- As the Assistant Operations Officer for my squadron, conducting future operations planning to ensure the squadron is successful in meeting assigned pilot production goals.
  - Managing training ammunition, flight hours, and budgetary allocation to ensure pilots are properly trained prior to completion of their syllabus.
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Man Management / General Management and Welfare:

- Managing enlisted personnel who record squadron's flight operational data and schedule all ground training evolutions such as physical fitness tests, rifle and pistol ranges and gas mask training.
- Managing the schedule writers (12 officers) who produce daily / weekly flight schedules, and coordinate all external support required by the squadron.
- Planning and coordinating all squadron deployments that include accommodation, rations, logistics, travel plans for up to 250 individuals, maintenance support for up to 20 aircraft.
- Planning, coordinating and leading, as the Senior Officer in Charge, squadron detachments of 4 aircraft and up to 50 Marines for up to 5 days, conducting training missions at airfields geographically separated from the main squadron.
- Attending meetings and chairing meeting as required. Use of MS Word and Power Point.
- Reviewing all correspondence generated by the Operations Department.

### **FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER**

*Sep 03 - Mar 05*

#### Marine Corps Special Operations Command, Detachment #, Location A CA

- Hand picked to serve in the first Marine Corps unit in the United States Special Operations Command.
- Planned, coordinated and executed all facets of aviation requirements including parachute insertions, close air support, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, helicopter insertions and extractions.
- 6 months ground combat operations in Baghdad, Al Najaf & Al Kut . Conducted special operations missions.
- Trained all 100 detachment Marines in the proper tactics, techniques and procedures to control close air support aircraft during dynamic ground operations.
- Trained, equipped and led a 3 man fire control team in special operations combat missions in Baghdad.
- Assisted in the development and implementation of standard operating procedures for fire support.
- Provided liaison with external security force, ensuring rapid response and correct actions were taken in the event of an attack against a vulnerable coalition base.
- Created detailed fire support plans and communicated those plans to supporting units for execution.
- Controlled the surveillance and attack actions of multiple aircraft simultaneously via radio while moving with ground assault team.

### **AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICER AND SQUADRON PILOT**

*Jan 03 - Aug 03*

#### HMLA-###, Location A CA

- Ensured that all aviation ordnance operations conducted by my 12 Marines were handled in accordance with governing rules and regulations, both aboard ship and on land.
- Carried out post-maintenance checks that ensured aircraft returns were safe and operational.
- Accrued over 96 flight hours during the opening phases of the Iraq War while performing as an Attack Helicopter Commander and Section leader.

Aviation Ordnance Officer, Squadron Pilot

(Jun 01-Jan 03)

Aviation Life Support Systems Division Officer In Charge, Squadron Pilot

(Feb 01-Jun 01)

Schedule Writer, Operations Department, Squadron Pilot

(Jun 00-Feb 01)

Assistant Information Technology (IT) Officer, Squadron Pilot

(Jun 99-Jun 00)

Basic Marine Officer training, Flight School

(May 96-Jun 99).

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### *Medals / Awards*

Bronze Star and 2 Air Medals for heroism. Academic award for performance (Primary and Advanced Helicopter training).  
Placed on the Commodore s list for superior performance.

### *Languages:*

Colloquial Spanish (starting French).

### *Objective:*

To make a significant contribution within Security or Aviation on an International basis. Available summer 2007. Willing to relocate internationally.