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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic communications professional, military leader, actor, and aspiring producer with 13 years of service in the United States Navy. Currently serving as a Leading Chief Petty Officer (E-7), overseeing personnel development, training, and operational readiness while supporting public affairs initiatives and strategic communications efforts. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Broadcasting from Grand Canyon University with a 4.0 GPA. Experienced in film, television, theater, commercial acting, multimedia storytelling, public affairs, and video production. Seeking opportunities in film and television production, media management, and entertainment leadership.

EDUCATION

Grand Canyon University

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Emphasis in Broadcasting
Expected Graduation: July 2026
GPA: 4.0

National University

Associate of Arts
May 2020
GPA: 3.8

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP

- Maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout undergraduate studies.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude.
- Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).
- Successfully balanced full-time military service with academic excellence.
- Applied communication, broadcasting, and media production studies to professional public affairs and storytelling projects.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Leading Chief Petty Officer (E-7) / LCPO

Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Instructor
United States Navy

- Lead personnel operations and training programs supporting Navy SERE instruction.
- Serve as Survival Instructor, training military personnel in survival, resistance, and recovery operations.
- Support Public Affairs Office initiatives and strategic communication efforts.
- Mentor and develop Sailors while maintaining operational readiness and mission effectiveness.

Leading Petty Officer (E-6) / LPO

Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 73 (HSM-73)
United States Navy

- Led and mentored a division of 20 Sailors.
- Managed personnel, training, maintenance operations, and mission readiness.
- Completed two arduous operational deployments supporting naval aviation missions.
- Coordinated team performance in demanding operational environments.

Work Center Supervisor

Fleet Readiness Center (FRC) Lemoore
United States Navy

- Supervised daily operations of a work center consisting of 40 Sailors.
- Directed maintenance, quality assurance, and personnel development programs.
- Improved organizational effectiveness through leadership, accountability, and process improvement initiatives.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & MEDIA PROJECTS

Boy Scouts Feature Article

- Authored and produced a feature article highlighting youth leadership and community engagement.

Coronado SERE Feature Story

- Developed public affairs content showcasing SERE training and military readiness initiatives.

POW Survivor Interview – Jim Bedinger

- Conducted and produced an interview documenting the experiences and legacy of former Prisoner of War Jim Bedinger.

FILM PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Posterity Commercial

Writer/Director/Producer/Camera Operator/Editor

- Assisted with commercial production activities including planning, coordination, and on-set operations.
- Contributed to storytelling, production logistics, and content development.

ACTING EXPERIENCE

Film

- Johns Note – Supporting – Cramer Productions
- As Close to Me As Always – Supporting – Eagle Street Entertainment
- DOGTMO – Supporting – Bauer Productions
- Read 'Em and Weep – Supporting – Giovanni Autiero Productions
- Bringing Someone to Life – Supporting – Ace Davis Productions
- Reborn To Be Uncle Gabriel's Wife – Supporting – SWZZ Media Productions
- Six Years Too Late To Love Her – Supporting – Production House 8
- Fallen For The Black Rose – Supporting – YRBW LLC

Television

- Justice For All with Cristina Perez – Co-Star – Allen Media Group
- Turn and Burn – Co-Star – Holmes Productions

Theater

- The Little Mermaid Musical- Ensemble- The Selma Arts Center, Selma, California
- Bring It on Musical- Cameron- The Selma Arts Center, Selma, California

Commercials

- Palomar Health Medical Center (2 Spots) – Principal
- Illumina Executive Campaign – Principal
- Manscaped (3 Spots) – Principal
- Viper Grip Tires – Principal
- A1 Los Angeles Home Appraise (3 Spots) – Principal
- Doritos – Principal
- National University (2 Spots) – Principal

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Video Production
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Public Affairs
- Broadcast Journalism
- Photography
- Social Media Management
- Leadership Development
- Strategic Communications
- Project Management
- Public Speaking
- Content Creation
- Team Building
- Multimedia Storytelling

AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS & HONORS

- Sailor of the Year
- Military Training Specialist
- National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) Post Secondary Certification
- Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 Awards)
- Summa Cum Laude
- Magna Cum Laude
- Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) President
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Member

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To combine proven military leadership, communications expertise, and creative storytelling experience in a career within film and television production, entertainment management, or

acting. Dedicated to producing meaningful content that informs, inspires, and engages diverse audiences while leveraging a foundation of service, discipline, and leadership