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- Education**
- 2006-2008 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government** *Cambridge, MA*
Master in Public Policy, International Security and Political Economy
Thesis: *The Unfinished Revolution: The U.S. Army and Irregular Warfare*
Advisor: Dr. Ashton Carter, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense
Client: The Center for New American Security, Washington D.C.
- Founder and Chair of the *Harvard Defense Leadership Project*
 - Presidential Scholar, 2006-2008
 - Produced high level conference, “*Forging a Security Strategy for Latin America,*” for McCormick Tribune Foundation and West Point Combating Terrorism Center
 - Selected to participate in first-ever Harvard student delegation to Lebanon and Syria
- 1995-1998 **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY** *West Point, NY*
Bachelor of Science, Engineering Physics
- Selected to Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society
 - 3.12 GPA, Dean’s List (6 of 8 Semesters)
- Experience**
- Aug 07- **CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, House Foreign Affairs Committee** *Washington, DC*
Part-Time Advisor to Subcommittee on Human Rights, International Organizations, Oversight
- Accompanied bi-partisan Congressional Delegation to Colombia to investigate human rights claims against U.S. corporations
 - Provided expertise on wide range of cases including Iraq, detainees, Latin America security issues, interagency reform, and Civ-Mil relations
- Jul 04- **SPECIAL FORCES DETACHMENT COMMANDER (7th SFG)** *Fort Bragg, NC*
Aug 06
Commander of a Special Forces “A-Team” with the mission of conducting politically-sensitive, high-risk operations in support of National Security Objectives.
- Promoted “Below the Zone” to Major.
 - Selected over 54 other detachments to represent the 7th Group in Iraq as combat advisors to the highly successful El Salvadoran “Cuscatlan” Battalion.
 - Chosen by Group Commander to serve in Afghanistan as liaison to the Central Intelligence Agency—lauded by Agency leadership for support rendered on assignment.
 - Planned and led detachment through a high visibility mission to Paraguay to build the country’s first-ever dedicated Counter Terrorism Unit.
- Jul 03- **SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY EXECUTIVE OFFICER (7th SFG)** *Fort Bragg, NC*
Jul 04
Executive Officer of a Special Forces company with the mission of conducting Unconventional Warfare, Foreign Internal Defense, and Combating Terrorism operations in Latin America.
- Trained and advised Colombian Counterguerrilla Brigade as part of the Infrastructure Security Strategy program—helped to reduce the average number of monthly attacks on the Cano-Covenas Oil Pipeline from 15 to less than 1.

Apr 99-
Dec 01

AIRBORNE INFANTRY OFFICER (82nd AIRBORNE DIV)

Fort Bragg, NC

Rifle Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Executive Officer, and Brigade Assistant Operations Officer in an Airborne Infantry unit capable of 18-hour deployment to any crisis in the world.

- Selected to participate in multi-year “Land Warrior” Test Project to test and develop the next generation of infantry fighting equipment.
- Assisted with contingency planning for the Brigade in the aftermath of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Publications

“Forging a Security Strategy for Latin America,” Conference Report. (McCormick Foundation: Chicago, 2008)

“Latin America Defense Politics and Regional Security Cooperation,” chapter contribution with Dr. Richard Kilroy in Isaiah Wilson III and James Forrest, *The Politics of Defense: Comparative and International Perspectives*, (Routledge, 2008, forthcoming)

“Plan B in Iraq: Keeping the Military Relevant in an Asymmetric World,” (Harvard Kennedy Review: Cambridge, 2007), volume 7, pgs. 49-65.

Military Training

Airborne, Ranger, Infantry Officers’ Basic and Advanced Courses (Commandant’s List), Special Forces Qualification Course (Commandant’s List), Tier One Off-Road Driving School, Operational Preparation of the Battlefield Course, Advanced Special Operations Level II Course, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat, Reid Interviewing and Interrogation Course

Relevant Awards

Military: Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Colombia), International Security Assistance Force Medal (Afghanistan), Joint Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Airborne Wings, Paraguayan and Colombian Jump Wings. Also awarded the El Salvadoran Gold Medal of Freedom by the Minister of Defense, the highest award that can be given to a non-citizen.

Civilian: Public Service Fellow (Harvard), National Commended Scholar, Presidential Scholar.

Other Information

- Associate, West Point Combating Terrorism Center
- Expedition Member, “Mountains for Miracles” Epic Mountaineering to Support Pediatric Cancer Research; successful Kilimanjaro summit June 2007
- Current Clearance for Top Secret Sensitive Compartmentalized Information
- Fluent in Spanish, Intermediate Arabic
- Research Interests include: Latin America, Hezbollah, Irregular Warfare/ Counterinsurgency, Defense Transformation and Defense Politics, Special Operations, Cultural Anthropology, U.S. Congress.