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## **EDUCATION**

### **Yale University**

Master of Arts in International Relations, May 2008  
Graduate Certificate of Concentration in Security Studies

**New Haven, Connecticut**

### **United States Military Academy**

Bachelor of Science, Military History Major, Systems Engineering Track, May 1998  
Dean's List and Wreath Award for Excellence in Academics, Military Leadership, and Physical Activities

**West Point, New York**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Current **Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy** **West Point, New York**  
Taught Course: International Relations.
- 2007-2008 **Student, Yale University Master of Arts in International Relations Program** **New Haven, Connecticut**  
Focused in Strategic, Security, and European Studies. Selected for elite Grand Strategy Program taught by Professors John Gaddis, Charlie Hill, and Paul Kennedy. Published two articles immediately after graduation. Completed the intensive two year program in a year and a half, despite taking additional courses.
- 2006 **Special Forces Company Executive Officer** **Panzer Kaserne, Germany**  
Second in command of a 90 man Special Forces Company. Planned and coordinated all logistical support for the company's deployment to and from Africa for Operation Enduring Freedom – Trans Sahara. Managed an annual company budget in excess of \$1 million.
- 2005-2006 **Special Forces (Military Liaison Element) Detachment Commander** **Germany, Bosnia, and Serbia**  
Led twelve-man Special Forces Team which simultaneously conducted operations in two-man elements on three continents. Served as the Special Operations Forces Liaison Officer between the Commanding General of NATO forces in Sarajevo, Bosnia and the U.S. Interagency Team at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia. Coordinated and conducted militarily and politically sensitive operations throughout the Balkans.
- 2004-2005 **Special Forces (Mobility Team) Detachment Commander** **Germany and Iraq**  
Led the preparation, training, and deployment to Iraq of a twelve-man detachment of Green Berets in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Focused on securing Fallujah as part of the Coalition offensive to reclaim the city. Later secured the first free election in modern Iraq and then recruited, trained, and successfully conducted multiple surgical, nighttime combat operations in Baghdad with an Iraqi Army Specialty Platoon.
- 2004 **Special Forces Battalion Assistant Operations Officer** **Panzer Kaserne, Germany**  
During staff assignment, planned, tracked, and briefed the battalion's training and upcoming operations to the battalion leadership. Briefed the battalion's senior leadership weekly on Operation Iraqi Freedom

missions and lessons learned in preparation for the deployment of battalion elements to Iraq. Supported the battalion's deployment to Africa during the Pan-Sahel Initiative.

- 2002-2003 **Student, Special Forces Detachment Officer Qualification Course** **Fort Bragg, North Carolina**  
 Graduated with Honors.
- 2000-2001 **Airborne Infantry Battalion Adjutant** **Fort Bragg, North Carolina**  
 During staff assignment, oversaw personnel actions for a 750 man Task Force and graduated from the U.S. Army Jumpmaster School.
- 1999-2000 **Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader** **Fort Bragg, North Carolina**  
 Led a platoon to excel while conducting numerous Airborne Operations and Live-Fire training exercises at Fort Bragg and the Joint Readiness Training Center. Commended for my leadership by then Brigadier General David Petraeus, the 82d Airborne Division's Assistant Division Commander for Operations.
- 1998-1999 **Student, Infantry Officers' Basic Course and U.S. Army Ranger School** **Fort Benning, Georgia**  
 Graduated with honors from the Infantry Officers' Basic Course and completed the elite U.S. Army Ranger School.

## PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

- |      |                                                               |                           |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2006 | U.S. Army Advanced Special Operations Techniques (Level II)   | Panzer Kaserne, Germany   |
| 2003 | U.S. Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance, & Escape (High Risk) | Ft. Bragg, North Carolina |
| 2003 | U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course                 | Ft. Bragg, North Carolina |
| 2002 | U.S. Army Combined Arms Services Staff School                 | Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas   |
| 2002 | U.S. Army Infantry Captains' Career Course                    | Ft. Benning, Georgia      |
| 2000 | U.S. Army Jumpmaster School                                   | Ft. Bragg, North Carolina |
| 1999 | U.S. Army Ranger School                                       | Ft. Benning, Georgia      |
| 1998 | U.S. Army Infantry Officers' Basic Course                     | Ft. Benning, Georgia      |
| 1998 | U.S. Army Master Fitness Course                               | West Point, New York      |
| 1996 | U.S. Army Air Assault School                                  | Camp Smith, New York      |
| 1996 | U.S. Army Airborne School                                     | Ft. Benning, Georgia      |

## MILITARY AWARDS

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|------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2006       | Joint Service Commendation Medal       |
| 2006       | Navy Unit Commendation Medal           |
| 2006       | Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal       |
| 2006       | Non Article 5 NATO Medal               |
| 2006       | Overseas Service Ribbon                |
| 2006, 2002 | Army Commendation Medal (2)            |
| 2005       | Bronze Star Medal                      |
| 2005       | Combat Infantryman Badge               |
| 2005       | Iraqi Commendation Medal               |
| 2005       | Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon |
| 2003       | Special Forces Tab                     |
| 2001       | Army Achievement Medal                 |
| 2000       | Senior Parachutist Badge               |
| 1999       | Expert Infantryman Badge               |
| 1999       | Ranger Tab                             |
| 1998       | Army Service Ribbon                    |
| 1998       | National Defense Service Medal         |
| 1997       | Korean Defense Service Medal           |
| 1996       | Air Assault Badge                      |
| 1996       | Parachutist Badge                      |

## HONORS / SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2008-2009 American Political Science Association Professional Member  
2008-2009 Foreign Area Officer Association Member  
2008-Life Yale University's 'Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy' Alum  
2008 Graduate Certificate of Concentration in Security Studies from Yale University  
2006-Life Special Forces Association Life Member  
2004-Life J.F.K. Special Warfare, Special Forces Branch Historical & Memorial Museum Association Life Member  
2004-2009 Officers' Christian Fellowship Governing Board Member  
2004-2008 Officers' Christian Fellowship Finance Committee Member  
2003 Honor Graduate, Special Forces Detachment Officer Qualification Course  
1998 Honor Graduate, Infantry Officers' Basic Course  
1998-2009 Association of the United States Army Member  
'98-'02, '08-Life National Infantry Association Life Member  
'99-'02, '08-Life 82d Airborne Association Life Member

## PANELS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**November 2008** Panel for the Harvard Weatherhead Fellows Visit to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.  
**October 2006** Paper Presentation, Association of the United States Army Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

## PUBLICATIONS

"France and Its Muslims: A Two Pronged Approach – Integration and Assimilation," *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, Spring/Summer 2008, Volume 3, Issue 2.

"Bosnia's Civil War: Dynamics of War Termination." An online publication through the *Yale International Security Studies Program*.

"MG Matthew Ridgway as the 82d Airborne Division Commander: A Case Study on the Impact of Vision and Character in Leadership," Association of the United States Army, *The Land Warfare Papers*, No. 59, October 2006.

"Spiritual Battle Plans for Spiritually Dry Times," *Command Magazine*, Vol. 55, No. 3, April 2006.

"Christ Likeness—A Perspective from New Testament Times," *Command Magazine*, Vol. 54, No. 3, April 2005.

"Exploring Biblical Leadership, Christ and His Disciples—A Bible Study," coauthored with Major Jay Nelson, *Command Magazine*, Vol. 53, No. 2, March 2004.

**SECURITY CLEARANCE:** Top Secret – Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS – SCI)

**LANGUAGES:** French-Proficient, Spanish-Limited Knowledge, Serbian-Croatian-Limited Knowledge

**PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:** Scuba diving, Skydiving, Skiing, and distance races.