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education

2004 - 2006 **HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL** **BOSTON, MA**
Master in Business Administration degree, June 2006. Member of the Armed Forces Alumni Association, Volunteer Consulting Club and the HBS Volunteers Club. Player on multiple intramural athletic teams.

1994 - 1998 **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY** **WESTPOINT, NY**
Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, Systems Engineering Tract. Member, NCAA DIV I Softball Team.

experience

summer 2005 **ELI LILLY AND COMPANY** **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**
ELANCO, US Affiliate Operations Intern. Worked with management to assess current US distribution network.

- Analyzed product distribution from manufacturing to end customer; recommended operational changes to achieve a potential \$3M EBIT gain and \$2M increase in working capital.

2003 - 2004 **101ST SOLDIER SUPPORT BATTALION** **MOSUL, IRAQ**
Company Commander. Responsible for over 100 soldiers in the largest Finance Company in the US Army. Provided pay account management, disbursement of funds, and commercial vendor service support for reconstruction efforts. Safeguarded and controlled public funds. Ensured internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

- Managed cash operations in Northern Iraq. Disbursed over \$150M with no losses during deployment.
- Conducted planning analysis for over 350 pay missions in hostile territory resulting in zero soldier casualties.
- Supported over 23,000 soldiers at diverse locations which covered approximately 50,000 sq. miles in Iraq.
- Awarded a second Bronze Star Medal for service during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2002 - 2003 **101ST SOLDIER SUPPORT BATTALION** **FT CAMPBELL, KY**
Battalion Operations Officer. Planned, resourced, synchronized, and supervised the mission execution of a soldier support battalion consisting of 490 soldiers. Responsible for training, security and intelligence. Developed ammunition forecasts, training calendars, and tactical operations orders. Advised the commander on all matters concerning training and combat operations.

- Deployed 230 personnel and \$20M of equipment to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Led a ground assault convoy of 42 vehicles and 107 personnel over 300 miles into Northern Iraq.
- Facilitated initial financial reconstruction efforts in Iraq by performing assessment of four banks in Baghdad seven days after the fall of the city to coalition forces. Re-established civil servant payments from these banks.

2001-2002 **TASK FORCE RAKKASAN, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION** **KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN**
Task Force 101SSB Commander. Supported the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Air Force, Navy, and coalition forces at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Responsible for a 30-soldier unit that provided personnel, finance, and postal support to over 6,300 soldiers from 35 different Army organizations at split locations.

- Disbursed more than \$2M in cash without a loss of funds, processed over 1M lbs of mail, and provided reception operations for over 7,000 soldiers arriving to the airfield.
- Managed local labor payroll and weekly payday for over 130 rotational Afghani workers.
- First site in deployed theater to conduct military pay transactions to soldiers' bank accounts over the Internet.
- Awarded a Bronze Star Medal for service during Operation Enduring Freedom.

1999 - 2000 **176TH FINANCE BATTALION** **CAMP HUMPHREYS, SOUTH KOREA**
Executive and Disbursing Officer. Assigned to a forward deployed, remote finance detachment supporting the Eighth United States Army's Area III and Camp Humphreys, Korea. Provided complete disbursing support such as cash collections, agent funding, and Korean Won and US Treasury check payments for more than 6,000 soldiers and civilians.

- Disbursed over \$5M in electronic funds transfers and cash payments without a loss of funds.
- Theater level Finance nominee to Eighth United States Army for the Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

community Contributed time to City-Serve-A-Thon volunteer program in Boston. Donated time to a youth mentorship program as tutor. Member on four-person Volunteer Consulting Team to advise non-profit organizations. Ran Boston Marathon as charity fundraiser for Dana Farber Cancer Research.

personal Consummate outdoors lover. Enjoy participating in competitive sports. Appreciate the arts, music, and reading.

