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COMMUNICATIONS PROFILE

Unique combination of competencies spanning information/analytics, operations and advanced technology. Earned recognition for strong people, process and performance leadership in rigorous, fast-paced work environments requiring progressive planning, critical thinking, decision-making, interpersonal and communication skills. Well-versed in global business and world affairs. Consistently outperformed peers in high-demand roles. Additional competencies:

- Effective in transforming ideas and creative concepts into clear strategies and operating tactics, with eye for detail, and commitment to the delivery of strategic communications, marketing plans and value-added information.
- Broad understanding of how to optimize technologies, with track record of developing systems and processes in response to changing organization/end-user needs, and traversing competing priorities.
- Gained immediate trust and credibility among senior officers/executives, and successfully bridged the gap between different operations to create common goals and objectives among a variety of audiences and stakeholders.

CAREER HISTORY

OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – UNITED STATES ARMY

2003 to 2011

Advanced through progressive field operations, “corporate” planning, and multinational program management positions in large-scale organizations with extensive personnel, systems, equipment and facilities. Demonstrated solid performance in leadership, decision making, relationship building and process improvement in an environment of continuous change. Nominated for successive promotions ahead of peers, and earned numerous awards and commendations (including 2 Bronze Stars). Completed 2 overseas assignments in the Middle East. Key highlights:

- Appointed for an 18-month expatriate assignment to serve as a senior-level strategist and liaison during an operational transition from US to local national oversight.
 - Demonstrated diplomacy in traversing cultural nuances, language barriers and diverse agendas to effectively communicate and influence the planning and management of a 400+ member foreign organization.
 - Developed and executed inter-operational communication system plans with direct impact on actions of 15 personnel and \$2M of systems and equipment.
 - Earned a special commendation for leadership in planning and executing field operations.
- Selected for a specialized leadership role to drive the development and deployment of new standards, systems, training and processes for a newly created group supporting a 600+ member organization.
 - Built a fully functional highly specialized technical operations group within 2 months without direct experience in the function. Trained and directed a 5-member team and controlled \$5M of systems/equipment.
 - Collaborated with counterparts to ensure consistency of communications and support, including design and maintenance of databases, informational resources and analytical/reporting systems.
 - Played a key role in advancing operational activities through ongoing communications and collaboration.
- Appointed to multiple operational leadership roles, honing planning, team building and communication skills while leading initiatives to effect internal change and operate successfully in ever-changing operating environments.
 - Developed proactive communications programs to keep the personnel and families informed, and improved the morale, efficiency and productivity of a 250-member organization.
 - Led teams in the testing and activation of next generation, advanced technology systems and equipment, including extensive end-user training, organizational certification and best practices development.
 - Planned, organized and executed multiple relocations of 250+ personnel and \$20M of equipment from the US to offshore locations. Completed transitions on-time and returned to operational status within 3 weeks.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

BACHELORS DEGREE (3.25 GPA) – UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, West Point, NY

June 2002

GRADUATE, OFFICER LEADERSHIP COURSES – US ARMY, Ft Benning, GA

May 2003

Airborne/Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge