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SUMMARY

- » **Media professional** with 10 years of freelance reporting experience in more than 25 countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan and Rwanda, under tight deadlines, producing radio, print, photo and multimedia content.
- » **U.S. military veteran** specialized in media and public affairs, including in Iraq. Produced daily TV newscast, anchored worldwide radio newscast, edited U.S. Navy warship newspaper and newscast, managed team of reporters/photographers.
- » **Media development/training** in remote rural areas of post-conflict Sudan for radio journalists with USAID-funded project. As a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Romania, organized and taught journalism in 13 cities to about 450 Romanians.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ORBIS OPERATIONS, INC. (Afghanistan) — Videographer — Sept. 2011 to Present

Films U.S. special forces and Afghan security forces throughout Afghanistan. Assists in the production of multimedia products on topics such as how to counter improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

S4, INC. (Tampa, Florida) — Social Media/Web Content Manager — Oct. 2010 to Aug. 2011

Managed U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)'s website and **social media** sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube, in five languages. Managed and generated content for CENTCOM blog. Provided web/social media analytical data to senior leaders. Produced videos, took photos, wrote print stories, and drafted press releases for public affairs officials.

- » Praised online by blogger as having an "excellent, professional" social media presence.
- » Edited personal narratives from military personnel for command blog, more than doubling average page views.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS (Worldwide) — Freelance Reporter — June 2001 to Present

Freelanced from across the Middle East, Asia, Africa and North America, including Pakistan, Syria, Palestine, Kosovo and about 25 other countries, for NPR, BBC, RFI, CBC, DW, VOA, RNW, RTÉ, PRI's The World, Pacifica Radio, Wall Street Journal, IPS, and others. **Filed daily headlines and features** about socioeconomic, political and development issues.

- » Won 2011 National Headliner Award for half-hour radio documentary on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.
- » Throughout Asia, including Afghanistan, reported on **development work** done by UN and NGOs.
- » Served as **Tokyo correspondent for two years**, filing stories regularly on North Korea's nuclear capabilities.
- » Interviewed militant leaders in rebel-controlled territory in Sri Lanka and Burma, focusing on use of child soldiers.
- » While based in D.C., worked from the **White House** and Capitol Hill for national talk radio news shows.

INTERNEWS (Southern Sudan) — Asst. Resident Journalism Advisor — Jan. 2010 to Sept. 2010

Trained Sudanese radio journalists at five USAID-funded community radio stations in remote rural areas of Sudan for this international non-profit media development organization.

- » Led multiple **election media literacy workshops** for journalists and community leaders in the run-up to Sudan's first democratic elections in 24 years.
- » Wrote **public service announcements** for independence referendum and elections. Aired to 1.3 million people.
- » Facilitated creation of community radio advisory boards with local leaders, INGOs, CSOs, and community.
- » Assisted with \$500,000 **grant proposal** on religious freedoms for U.S. government agency.

U.S. PEACE CORPS (Romania) — Volunteer — May 2008 to Jan. 2010

Focused on youth **media development**. Taught 10 weekly English classes to about 300 students and adults.

- » Conducted two-day workshops with 14 hours of journalism training in 13 cities, teaching about 380 people.
- » With Romanian colleagues, organized a nationwide journalism camp for about 60 students from 37 cities.
- » Published 130-page book titled "Primii Pași în Jurnalism" (First Steps in Journalism) with Romanian journalists, teachers, students about basic media skills. Distributed to 60 school and local libraries around Romania.
- » Worked with U.S. embassy public affairs professionals to write, translate, and transmit **press releases** about my projects, resulting in positive publicity in about 30 national, regional and local publications in print, TV and radio.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK TOKYO (Tokyo, Japan) / USS PELELIU PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (San Diego, California) — Military Journalist — Sept. 2001 to Sept. 2006

While based in Japan, served as **producer of daily, internationally-broadcast 30-minute video newscast** and anchored regional news center's radio newscast. **Working independently**, reported from across Asia to produce radio and video stories on military-related news. When transferred to USS Peleliu, **managed and trained** about eight junior journalists and photographers in production of ship's newspaper and TV newscast while serving as **editor and reporter**.

- » Completed public affairs work with multinational forces in Iraq and the Northern Persian Gulf to promote U.S. Navy and Marine Corp's mission.
- » As editor of the ship paper, **led the public affairs office to win its first media award, best Navy newspaper**.
- » Photography & print articles published by **TIME, AP, Reuters, Washington Post, USA Today**, Seattle Times, ABC News, Yahoo! News, All Hands, Marines, Navy Times, Army Times, and other civilian and military publications.
- » Spearheaded redesign of AFN Tokyo newscast, using advanced Avid graphics, leading to its 1st place award in worldwide media contest. Developed USS Peleliu's first digital video newscast.
- » Won six video and radio awards in worldwide military and civilian media contests, including **military's top photojournalism award**. Selected as runner-up Navy Journalist of the Year.
- » Redesigned American Forces Network Tokyo website while serving as webmaster.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in International Relations (*Graduate Academic Honors; GPA: 4.00*)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor's Degree in Communications/Journalism (*Dean's List; GPA: 3.73*)
Associate's Degree in General Studies

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR INDIAN STUDIES

U.S. State Department's Critical Language Scholarship – Studied Urdu in Lucknow, India

BRIDGE LINGUATEC LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate

DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL

Basic Journalism/Broadcasting Course (*Distinguished Honor Graduate*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- » Free Speech Radio News (*Chair, Board of Directors - 2008-2011 - Responsible for about \$500,000 budget*)
- » Canada Afghanistan Solidarity Committee (*Founding Member*)
- » Society of Professional Journalists / Canadian Association of Journalists / Global Radio News / ZUMA Press (*Member*)
- » National Peace Corps Association (*Member*)
- » Africa Village Project / Trei Frații Patați / IAȘIMUN (*Webmaster*)

LANGUAGES

- » English (*Native*)
- » Urdu/Hindi (*Beginner*)
- » Spanish (*Intermediate*)
- » Romanian/Moldovan (*Advanced*)