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**Executive Profile**

Senior national security and military professional with 30 years of unique strategic, operational and academic experience in policy and strategy research, development, and implementation at the national level. Fifteen plus years in the intelligence and policy communities advising senior leaders at Departments of Defense and State on a wide range of issues including the Middle East, with a focus on Iraq, Iran, and the Arabian Gulf, as well as security sector assistance implementation and reform, cyber foreign policy, and regional military affairs. Strong leadership, analytical, problem solving, and communications skills. TS/SCI Clearance; proficient in Arabic

**Professional Experience**

**STRATEGIC STUDIES INSTITUTE, U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE** 2016-Present

**Associate Research Professor for Strategy, the Military Profession and Ethic, Carlisle, PA**

Engage in scholaraship that advances knowledge regarding strategic challenges facing the U.S. Army and Department of Defense. Design and teach elective courses for Army senior leaders that address responding to these challenges while maintaining commitment to national values. Engage in outreach to Department of Defense and civilian academic institutions and think tanks to provide expert advice on strategic issues.

**Accomplishments:**

* Published in numerous articles in multiple venues, including journals, books and online, regarding international norms, force posture, Middle East, hybrid warfare/competition, technology acquisition, and character development, Arctic.
* Led future force posture research, briefed to SecArmy; provided expert advice to Army staff regarding senior leader development.

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL** 2017-2018

**Director for Iraq**

Responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing strategy and policy decisions regarding U.S.-Iraq relations. Also responsible for National Security Council engagements with multiple stakeholders regarding U.S. interests in Iraq and the region.

**Accomplishments:**

* Developed Presidential-approved national strategic framework for advancing U.S. interests in Iraq.
* Coordinated U.S. response to Kurdish independence referendum
* Coordinated and organized high-level meetings and engagements for the President, the National Security Advisor, and other senior U.S. government officials.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE** 2013-2016

**Policy Planning Staff, Washington, DC**

Advised the Secretary of State and other senior officials regarding high-level policy recommendations on Middle East, Iran, cyber, defense, and regional security issues. Also served as Senior Army Advisor, responsible for effective use of 30+ Army officers serving in multiple bureaus.

**Accomplishments:**

* Briefed Secretary of State on countering ISIL, engaging Iraqi tribes, managing relations with Arab Gulf countries, improving global security assistance and cooperation, promoting internet development and cyber security, establishing Arctic security policies, responding to crises including Ebola outbreaks and Russian and Chinese assertiveness.
* Awarded Meritorious Honor Award for ability to handle a wide range of issues effectively.

**U.S. EMBASSY BAGHDAD** 2012 – 2013

**Defense and Army Attaché, Baghdad, Iraq**

Oversaw over 15 Army, Air Force, Naval, Marine, and civilian attachés to represent Senior Defense Department and Intelligence Community Leaders providing unique access to Iraq’s government, military, and tribal leaders.

**Accomplishments:**

* Acknowledged for superior leadership with the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Award and Achievement Award from National Ground Intelligence Center.
* Credited with strengthening the U.S. relationship with Iraqi intelligence organizations:
* Built capacity and expanded U.S. access in support of counter-terrorist, counter-insurgent, and regional intelligence goals.
* Provided excellent intelligence, information, and advice to Office of Security Cooperation, improving military relationships in a complex environment.

**U.S. ARMY CENTRAL COMMAND** 2010 – 2012

**Chief, International Military Affairs Division, Third Army, Kuwait and Shaw AFB, SC**

Supervised team responsible for supporting partner defense capability development programs and foreign military sales with 17 international partners including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. Developed and delivered complex political-military intelligence assessments on the Middle East and Central Asia.

**Accomplishments:**

* Successfully directed team of 21 and administered $8M budget, launching 200+ security events annually across 19 countries.
* Consistently commended for clarity, depth, and accuracy of comprehensive monthly analysis delivered to Commanding General and senior staff.
* Supervised Royal Saudi Land Forces transformation review that identified key capability gaps. Also supervised U.S. contribution to Saudi military’s Houthi conflict Lessons Learned process generating reports identifying strength and weaknesses of Saudi military counter-insurgent capabilities.

**U.S. EMBASSY KUWAIT** 2007– 2009

**Defense and Army Attaché,** **Kuwait City, Kuwait**

Provided detailed reporting and analysis to senior regional and intelligence leaders within the Department of Defense, Department of State, Joint Staff, and CENTCOM significantly improving access and cooperation with key Kuwaiti military and civilian leaders and organizations.

**Accomplishments:**

* Awarded the Attaché of the Year Award from the Human and Counter Intelligence Community.
* Recognized by the Defense Intelligence Agency as number one defense attaché in the Middle East and top 10% worldwide.

**MULTI-NATIONAL SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND-IRAQ** 2005 – 2006

**Senior Political-Military Advisor, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team-Iraq (CPATT), Baghdad**

Contributed to effective development of plans, policies, and procedures for Iraqi Ministry of Interior and Iraqi Security Force development. Recognized as best lieutenant colonel in the command for ability to quickly grasp difficult concepts and mold them into simple, comprehensive plans and interact at highest levels of U.S. and Iraqi governments.

**Accomplishments:**

* Hand-selected to provide regional and cultural subject matter expertise to numerous Coalition Working Groups including Rule of Law, National Unity, Militia Integration, and Security Cooperation.
* Promoted to early Colonel as a result of contributions to Multi-National Forces, the Iraqi government, the U.S. Embassy, the Joint Staff, and the Department of Defense.

**JOINT INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (J2), PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC** 2002 – 2005

**Senior Intelligence Officer, Iraq Intelligence Working Group,**

Supervised and directed team of 80 analysts in developing, evaluating, and coordinating all-source strategic intelligence products for Iraq supporting the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense, congressional leaders, and the Office of the President. Recognized by Chief of Intelligence as number one military analyst.

**Accomplishments:**

* Led organization to earn the CIA’s National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation and the DIA’s Intelligence Team of the Year awards for Iraq political and military analysis.
* Detailed to Joint Special Operations Command Task Force in Iraq to conduct counter-terror operations.

**Education**

**PhD, Philosophy,** Georgetown University

Dissertation: *Resolving Ethical Dilemmas of Irregular Warfare*

**Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy,** Industrial College of the Armed Forces

*Research Fellow; Distinguished Graduate; Commandant’s Award; NDU Research and Writing Award*

**Masters of Arts, Philosophy,** Stanford University

*Concentration in History and Philosophy of Science; Graduate Fellow in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation*

**Bachelors in Economics and Philosophy,** Washington and Lee University

*Cum Laude; Honors in Philosophy*