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Profile

Transitioning Marine Corps Officer with 14 years of leadership and project management experience. Accomplished F/A-18 Fighter Pilot with VMFA-251, Instructor Pilot and Department Manager with VMFAT-101. Active Top Secret Security Clearance, Single Scope Background Investigation June, 2013.

Strengths

- **Leadership**
- **Communication**
- **Team Building**
- **Project Management**
- **Instruction / Training**
- **Maintenance Safety**

Experience

Instructor Pilot & Syllabus Manager, VMFAT-101

Sep, 2015 - Present

- Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics School (TOPGUN) graduate.
- Team project leader in the creation of a new F/A-18 syllabus including all media presentations.
- Standardization instructor responsible for nominating and training new instructor pilots.
- Trained over 120 F/A-18 students through academic lecturing, flight evals, briefing and debriefing.

Masters Student, Naval Postgraduate School

Jun, 2013 – Sep, 2015

- Selected for advanced degree due to top 17% performance among peer group.
- Thesis research in the field of autonomous information systems on the 21st century battlefield.
- Member of a three-person thesis team; developed a concept of employment for an autonomous command and control system. Gained experience in facilitating communication between software engineers and customers regarding requirements, cost and scheduling constraints.
- Presented research findings to the Commanding General of the USMC warfighting laboratory.
- Curriculum included: Software project management; database management; application of program management control systems; and computer-based management information systems.

F/A-18 Pilot, Maintenance Officer, VMFA-251

Jan, 2009 – Jun, 2013

- Managed a maintenance department of more than 50 personnel responsible for over \$800 million of equipment. Responsible for manpower allocation; performance evaluations; maintenance training, assignment of work, and ensuring compliance with organizational policy and procedures.
- Led the Quality Assurance Division, responsible for ensuring quality control and process improvement within the Maintenance Dept. Supervised eight highly qualified maintainers in conducting 28 safety investigations, fostering a culture of safe maintenance practices within the organization.

Education

- **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL**
Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science, December 2004
Cumulative GPA: 3.44 (Cum Laude)
- **Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA**
Master of Science in Information Technology Management, September 2015
Cumulative GPA: 3.92 (Outstanding Thesis Awarded)