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TS/SCI cleared Retired Special Forces Senior Noncommissioned Officer with 25+ years of international experience in military staff operations and campaign planning.

Worked as a key team member charged with implementing requirements and logistics for the Global SOF campaign plan.

Promoted USSOCOM's role as a functional combatant command with global responsibilities.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Multiple Joint / Multinational SOF CJCS exercises and deployments.
Experience working in concert with USG Interagency.
Solid background working OCONUS assignments.

Planning: Leveraged diplomatic skills to strengthen U.S. alliances with North American, European, African, and Pacific theaters International partners. Integrated Special Operations capabilities in multiple Geographic Combatant Command's (GCC) area of operations; provided foundation for long-range joint operations and exercises.

Operations: Conventional/special operations with emphasis on Irregular Warfare (IW), Unconventional Warfare (UW), Counterinsurgency (COIN), Counter Terrorism (CT), Targeting, and Interagency Operations in variety of environments.

Led multiple foreign military units in operational environments over the course of 25 year military career.

7 years conducting Enemy-Centric COIN operations in support of OEF within CENTCOM theater of operations

Training: Facilitated the integration and interoperability of Special Operations Forces (SOF), General Purpose Forces (GPF), Interagency elements, and Partner Nation forces through multiple training exercises. Army-certified formal training professional who trained and led 1500+ U.S and International soldiers. Incorporated SOF experience to tailor Commando Training Centers to fit the needs of individual academies—graduated 250 commandos.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Independent Contractor/Consultant, Mar 2015 to Present

Apollo Beach, FL

SOCOM IA/Regional Integrator, Calhoun International, Sept 2014 – Mar 2015

MacDill AFB, FL

Performed duties in support of the SOCOM Current Operations Global Support Groups and the Global Mission Support Centers (CENTCOM, EUCOM, AFRICOM, PACOM, NORTHCOM, and SOUTHCOM) at USSOCOM.

Supported the USSOCOM collaborative information enterprise by coordinating with all relevant sources of information; compiled that information to ensure the complete and transparent exchange of operationally relevant information between Theater Special Operations Commands, Service Components, Subcomponents, International Partners, the Global Mission Support Center, and other governmental agencies.

Provided SOF subject matter expertise, validated existing information and ensured plans, operations, and intelligence information was synchronized.

Operations Sergeant, U.S. Special Operations Command OPT, 2012-May 2014

MacDill AFB, FL

Was the Operations Sergeant for a 67-person combatant command-level planning cell that directly supported the Global SOF 2020 Campaign Plan.

Coordinated and synchronized planning efforts and products with COCOMs, regional allies, and Partner Nations to address posture, basing, C4I, and partner development.

Was a Team member charged with developing and maintaining the OPT plan to expand Global SOF Network.

Worked with SOD-NORTH in Colorado with the initial development and stand up of the TSOC at Peterson AFB CO.

Was instrumental in the development of the SOF forward posture plan in Europe as a member of the SOCAFRICA staff conducting site surveys at Grafenwoehr and Baumholder.

Achievements

Selected to educate Theater Special Operations Commands and Geographic Combatant Commands on enhanced SOF collection capabilities.

Expertly managed forward basing project; selected, surveyed, and developed plan to forward base battalion-sized SOF element, complete with support personnel, facilities and ability to support families.

Provided AFRICOM and EUCOM expanded flexible SOF capabilities.

NCOIC Future Operations, Special Operations Command-Pacific/J35, 2009-2012 **Camp Smith, HI**

Coordinated and monitored all South Asia Special Operations Forces activities including Joint Combined Exchanged Training (JCET), Counter-Narco Terrorism (CNT), and long-range joint training activities/events in 7 Pacific Command countries with theater-apportioned SOF, U.S. Embassies, Department of State, PACOM staff and host nation military leaders.

Achievements

Managed SOCPAC country plans and orders for future SOF engagements and operations.

Selected as commander's representative to Australian Special Operations Command.

This position provided the only direct link between the two SOF commanders.

Planned and executed first joint U.S./New Zealand military exercise in 20+ years

Team Sergeant, Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha, 2007-2009 **Ft. Carson, CO**

Promoted to Sr. NCO, led 12 U.S. Special Forces personnel in daily operations.

Planned, supervised, resourced, and directed all phases of training for the SFODA in preparation for combat deployments to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Achievements

Planned and executed 30+ direct action missions, resulting in 24 high value detainees and the disruption of 4 active insurgent cells.

Led company size (120-man) element; executed high intelligence-value operation; captured top 10 wanted foreign-fighter terrorist and recovered the largest weapons cache ever seized in Iraq.

Directly lauded by U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for detachment's outstanding performance.

Senior Medical Sergeant, Special Forces C Co 2nd BN 10th SFG (A), 2005-2007 **Ft Carson, CO**

Performed duties as senior medical sergeant to Operational Detachment Alpha, Operational Detachment Bravo, and Company Assistant Operations NCO during multiple Iraq combat deployments.

Planned and executed multiple company airborne operations ensuring 200+ personnel maintained airborne qualification.

Responsible for the conduct of 200 Special Operators throughout EUCOM and CENTCOM areas of responsibility.

Achievements

Managed daily operations and 25 combat missions for 120-man Advanced Operational Base.

Led 3 airmobile quick reaction force teams resulting in the detention of 7 terrorists.

Received Army Commendation Medal for triaging/treating/medevac'ing 3 critically injured Soldiers in explosives training.

Senior Medical Sergeant, Special Forces C Co 2nd BN 10th SFG (A), 2003-2005 **Ft Carson, CO**

Served as Senior Medical Sergeant on 12-man Unconventional Warfare Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA).

Trained detachment members on indigenous forces in all aspects of preventive, emergency, and long-term medical care.

Achievements

Directed medical support for 173d Airborne Brigade's combat jump into Northern Iraq, launching U.S. Northern offensive in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Led, trained, and advised 40-man Iraqi Army SF Company on 35 combat ops resulting in capture of 125 enemy personnel.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Homeland Defense, American Military University

MILITARY EDUCATION

Senior Leaders Course (ANCOC)

Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC)

Naval Special Warfare Diving Supervisor Course

Special Operations Medical Sergeant Course (18D)

Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Course (SERE)

Special Ops Advanced Reconnaissance Target Acquisition & Exploitation Techniques Course (SFARTAETC)

Army Large Group and Small Group Instructor Course, Certified Noncommissioned Officer Academy Instructor