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Professional Summary

Decorated U.S. Army combat veteran, senior government affairs executive, published author, and nationally recognized leader in veteran's advocacy. Currently serves as Executive Director of Government Affairs for Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), leading federal legislative strategy and engagement with Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and federal agencies.

Professional Experience

Executive Director, Government Affairs Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

Leads national legislative strategy and policy engagement focused on toxic exposure, Gulf War illness, benefits equity, POW/MIA accountability, and long-term veteran healthcare reform.

Professional Veterans Advocacy (National) March 2010 – Present.

Worked at the national level with Members of Congress, veteran service organizations, nonprofit boards, and advocacy coalitions to advance legislation and public policy affecting veterans and their families.

Military Service

United States Army & Army National Guard 22 Years of Honorable Service.

Served in enlisted, senior non-commissioned officer, and commissioned officer roles. Enlisted service included Armor and Infantry units, rising to the Senior NCO level before accepting a direct commission in 2002 as an Armor officer. Combat service during Operation Desert Storm with the 24th Infantry Division and final combat tour with the 101st Airborne Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Served as the Executive Officer and Commanded the 518th “U.S. Regulators,” a company-level unit formed specifically for high-risk convoy and route security operations. Retired in August 2009 due to combat-related wounds.



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Military Decorations & Awards

- Silver Star
- Bronze Star Medal (V Device) x3
- Purple Heart x3
- Meritorious Service Medal x2
- Army Commendation Medal x4
- Army Achievement Medal x4
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

Elected Leadership

National Commander

Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA: Provided national executive leadership, congressional engagement, and governance oversight for a congressionally chartered veterans organization representing combat-wounded service members.

Publications

Battle-Tested Faith

Leadership Simplified: Hard Truths from a Life of Service

Steel in the Spine: All works are complete and available online.

Education & Security Clearance

Graduate Studies – Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

University of Advancing Technology.