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OBJECTIVE

I wish to utilize my strengths, experience, talents, and passion in all aspects and levels of the psychology of trauma and resilience, particularly combat veterans and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Included in this, but not limited to, are veteran advocacy work, research on understanding PTSD or Combat Stress Injury (CSI) at individual and group levels, activism for the changing of stereotypes and addressing stigmas of CSI's for the military culture, and taking psychology out to those that need it by developing new methods and language.

SKILLS PROFILE

- Love of conceptualizing
- A passion for helping others
- Various computer program skills, such as Power Point, Word, Excel, and more
- Basic HTML web design without program help- hand coding- 200+ web pages
- Use of various web design programs, Hot Dog, Cold Fusion, Front Page, and more
- Typing at average of sixty-five words per minute
- A great diversity in job skills, allowing for identification with many different types of people
- Ability to take orders and deliver upon mission needs
- Leadership qualities, including mentoring, training, teaching, and leading by example
- Basic Emergency Medical Technician Training
- Basic Firefighting Training
- Electrician Training- Aircraft Avionics
- Aircraft painting training
- Ability to delegate command and responsibility
- Ability to maintain various inventories and costs
- Radio communication skills
- General construction skills, including floor tile, sheet rock, hanging ceilings, exterior/interior painting
- Have dealt with a diverse array of people in many situations

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Avionics Technician, F/A-18 Hornet

1989 — 1994

United States Marine Corps

- Worked as an electrician on the F/A-18 during high tempo ops in Desert Storm
- Learned corrosion control
- Certified hazardous material coordinator for shop
- Apply stencils, design, and overall paint to F/A-18, including polyurethane and epoxy polyamide paints
- Gained understanding of complex avionics systems for flight controls, fuel systems, weapons systems, air data control, power plant, and navigation systems
- Became night crew leader overseeing maintenance performed on squadron of twelve aircraft
- Trained and mentored incoming marines to perform a demanding job at a high level

- Upward Bound Driver** 1995 — 1995
University of Arkansas, Monticello
- Drove a route that covered two counties in rural Arkansas for eight Upward Bound Students
- Resident Assistant** 1995 — 1996
University of Arkansas, Monticello
- Resident Assistant for two consecutive semesters, two different dorms
- University Ambassador** 1995 — 1996
University of Arkansas, Monticello
- Gave tours of campus to groups of incoming freshman
 - Acted in a play for freshman orientation on the benefits of knowledge
 - Attended weekly leadership meetings with ambassadors
- Paint Crew Leader** 1995 — 1995
SeaArk Boats, Monticello, Arkansas
- Prepped and painted boats to be used on River Walk in San Antonio, TX
 - Prep crew leader in charge of four man team
- Server, Bartender** 1996 — 1998
Bennigan's Restaurant, Houston, Texas
- Server and bartender in the food industry
 - Trainer
- Office Production Assistant** 1997 — 1998
The Hall Group Consulting, Houston, Texas
- Self taught means of working on Windows NT, Goldmine, Excel, Maps, Outlook, FormFlow, and other programs
 - Daily to-do list exceeded twenty items
 - Create, generate, produce, mass mailings to clients in excess of four hundred
 - Locate, meet with, and organize resources for various production needs such as animation CDs, banners, custom websites, and artwork
 - Worked overnight printing and binding by hand professional brochures for budget meetings with clientele with budget in excess of \$3 Million
- Bartender** 1998 — 2000
Logan's Roadhouse, Houston, Texas
- Food and beverage service in steakhouse
 - Trainer
- Volunteer Firefighter** 1999 — 2000
Southside Place, Houston, Texas
- Basic firefighting techniques
 - Basic emergency medical technician EMT training
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- Bartender** 2000 — 2001
Kokomos, Eugene, Oregon
- Food and beverage service
 - Trainer
- Bar Manager** 2001 — 2002
Divas, Eugene, Oregon
- Staff training
 - Inventory duties
 - General club duties
 - General construction and painting on demand
- General Manager** 2002 — 2004
Great Alaska Bush Company, Eugene, Oregon
- Staff hiring and firing and personnel needs
 - Training of DJs, bartenders, waitresses, cooks
 - Inventory duties
 - Money accounting
 - Advertising needs
 - Live music and entertainment needs
 - General construction on demand
- Infantry Team Leader** 2004 — 2007
Oregon National Guard
- Tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 2004-2005
 - Combat Infantry Badge
 - Lead, mentor, train squad/team of soldiers in all areas: utilizing weapons and tactics, emotional stability, personal decision making, finding employment and living quarters in civilian sector, enrolling soldiers in community college
- Manager** 2005 — 2006
Gustav's Pub and Grill, Portland, Oregon
- Shift duties include table visits, guest complaints, hospitality needs, staff mentoring
 - Money accounting and deposits
- Bartender** 2006 — 2008
Gustav's Pub and Grill, Portland, Oregon
- Food and beverage service
 - Trainer
 - Product knowledge training for staff

Combat Arms Instructor

2008 — 2008

Oregon Army National Guard, 1-249 RTI

- Small Group Instructor, Total Army Instructor Training certifications
- Proficient in infantry tactics, techniques, and weapons
- Instruction of soldiers for qualification in infantry skills

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

- French Horn- Grenada High School Marching Band- Ranked 13th nationally- Grenada, MS- 1988
- Marine Corps boot camp, Paris Island, SC, 1989
- Basic Infantry School, Camp Geiger, NC, U.S. Marines, 1990
- Aviation electrician training, NAS Millington, TN, 1990
- F/A-18 systems training, NAS Cecil Field, FL, 1990
- Fuel Pits certification for aircraft, U.S. Marines, 1990
- Desert Shield-Storm, Bahrain, 1990-1991
- Certificate of Commendation- U.S. Marines- actions during Desert Storm- 1990
- Six month deployment- WESTPAC- Japan, Thailand, U.S. Marines 1991
- Sexual Harassment Training- U.S. Marine Corps- 1993
- Six Month deployment- WESTPAC- Japan, Thailand, U.S. Marines 1993
- Avionics Electrician of the Month- U.S. Marines- 1993
- Deployment to Kuwait- U.S. Marines- 1994
- Psychology Club member, University of Arkansas at Monticello, 1995-1996
- Actor, Fyedka, Fiddler on the Roof- University of Arkansas at Monticello - 1995
- Founder of Creative Artist Society of Poets, University of Arkansas at Monticello, 1996
- Resident Assistant Training- University of Arkansas at Monticello, 1995 and 1996
- University Ambassador Leadership Training- University of Arkansas at Monticello – 1995
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Counselor Training- Red Cross- Monticello, AR- 1995
- Basic EMT training, South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado, Arkansas – 1996
- Honorable Discharge, United States Marine Corps- 1997
- Psi Chi- National Honor Society in Psychology- Joined 1998
- Basic Volunteer Firefighter Training, Texas A&M, College Station, TX – 1999
- Basic EMT training, Southside Place Fire Department- Houston, TX - 1999
- Vice President, Psi Chi, University of Houston, oversaw development of website, won national award- 1999
- Volunteer- HIV/AIDS Companion- First Unitarian Universalist Church- Houston, TX- 1999
- American Psychological Science- Student Affiliate- 1999
- American Psychological Association – Student Affiliate- 1999, 2004, 2006, 2008
- Webmaster, Lane County Green Party- Eugene, OR - 2001
- Psi Chi member, University of Oregon, 2003-2004
- Combat Infantry Badge- Oregon Army National Guard- actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2- 2005
- Army Commendation Medal- ORANG- actions during OIF2- 2005
- Primary Leadership Development Course- NCOA-took Commandant's List- 2005
- Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort- Oregon Army National Guard- New Orleans, LA- 2005
- Psi Chi member, Portland State University- Portland, OR- 2005-2008

- Total Army Instructor Trainer Certification- TAITC- Oregon Military Academy- 2008
- Small Group Instructor Certification- Oregon Military Academy- 2008
- Staff Non Commissioned Officer Leadership Course- Camp Shelby, MS - 2008
- Psi Chi officer, Portland State University- Portland, OR – 2008-2009
- Volunteer, Queer Resource Center, Portland State University- Portland, OR- 2008
- Psychology Undergrad Peer Advisor – Portland State University- Portland, OR- 2008
- A guest on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) radio Program *Think Out Loud* for Veteran’s Day- Portland, OR-2008
- Contributor/writer for photography exhibit *Exit Wounds: The Trials of Homecoming*- Portland, OR-2008

STATEMENT

At first glance my employment and school history is stretched out. Thirteen years, three states, four universities and I am now eligible to graduate Portland State in 2009. My education prior to joining the Marines was subpar at best and it was the Marines that gave me an interest in the human condition. I began my academic career in 1995 as a psychology major and have never hesitated to move to another state to follow my heart and dreams. I did not know what I wanted to study in Psychology and did not have a mentor to guide me. I never studied psychology for a career. Instead I felt that within it was a calling, even though I could not find it in a classroom. After my return from Iraq in 2005 I began to see the great and pressing need that our veterans have in dealing with various combat stress injuries. There are many reasons why they find it difficult, from limited budgets, the stigma of mental illness, deployment and mission demands on troop strength, to the field of psychology’s own re-learned lessons lost from dealings with Vietnam veterans. There is a growing need to address issues of mental health, troop training, stoic attitudes, methods of intervention, and more for our armed services and in looking back at my varied experiences and training it all fits well in my delivering a presentation to a group of soldiers, in understanding the emotions of a blue collar worker from the Midwest, of feeling the confusion of what PTSD is in one’s own life. For I’ve worked graveyard hours on a construction site, been in combat, and have wondered in dumb confusion why I cannot figure out my own emotional storms as I watch as my relationship with my partner slowly withers. I’ve not lived a model student life yet I’ve been on both sides of the soldier/academic divide and I am trying, anyway I can, to bring more understanding of what a soldier’s/marine’s heart and soul is to psychologists and to bring the help and healing of psychology to veterans, their families and communities, who are in urgent need.