

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Academic Background:**

Master of Arts in Security Studies with an emphasis in National Security (Summa Cum Laude, Distinguished Graduate Student), 2014, Angelo State University

Bachelor of Science in Social Psychology (Magna Cum Laude), 2011, Park University

Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies, 2008, Community College of the Air Force

Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, 2007, Community College of the Air Force

John Marshall High School, 1986

**Academic Coursework, Licensures and Certifications:**

1987 - Law Enforcement Specialist Academy

1987 - Patrol Dog Handler Course

1989 - Detector Dog (Drug and Explosives) Handler Course

1993 - Military Working Dog Trainer/Supervisor Course

1994 - Paralegal Apprentice Course

1997 - Disaster Control Group Course

1997 - Paralegal Craftsman Course

1997/1998 - Federal Income Tax Law Course

1999 - Pacific Air Forces Operations Law Course

2000 - Legal Services Advanced Course

2000 - United States Army Europe Operations Law Course

2000- European Command Joint Forces Air Component Commander Staff Course

2000 - Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course

2001 - Joint Air Operations Command Legal Advisors Course

2001 - OJT Trainer/Supervisor Course

2004 - Air Force Judge Advocate General Operations Law Course

2005 - Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Level II Instructor Course

2006 - Air Force Judge Advocate General Law Office Management Course

2007 - Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Team Train the Trainer Course

2008 - Emergency Response Operations Command and Control Course

2008 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Weapons Key Leader Course

2008 - National Incident Management System FEMA Course

2008 - Incident Command System FEMA Course

2008 - National Response Plan FEMA Course

2011 - United States Army Operations Security Officer Level II Course

2011 - Air Force Signature Management & Military Deception Course

2012 - Air Force Chemical Weapons Convention and Treaty Compliance Officer Course

2015 - Operational Military Deception Course, Hurlburt Field, FL

2017 - Air Force Inspector General Training Course, Wing Inspector Track, Kirtland AFB, NM

2017 - Air Force Inspector General Training Course, Complaints Resolution, Lansdowne, VA

**Current Teaching Position:**

August 2017-Present, Instructor, Department of Security Studies, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX.

**Previous Teaching Experience:**

August 2016-May 2017, Visiting Instructor, Department of Security Studies, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX.

May 2016 – Present, Curriculum Developer, Civilian Advisor and Instructor, Joint Mid-Level Leadership Course, Goodfellow AFB Texas (United States Air Force Benchmark Program)

June 2016 – June 2017, Curriculum Developer, Civilian Advisor and Instructor, Warrior Ancillary Specialized Training, Goodfellow AFB Texas (United States Air Force Air Education and Training Command Benchmark Program)

August 2015-August 2016, Adjunct Professor, Department of Security Studies, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX.

International Law and Law of War 2000-2004, Rhein-Main AB Germany

Developed training course and taught in support of the 16<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Support Squadron for Air Force members deploying to the Balkans. The course included International Law covering Status of Forces Agreements specific to the myriad regions of the Balkans, Follow the Flag Status and customary international law. Additionally, the course included the Law of Armed Conflict, Standard Rules of Engagement and Rules of Engagement specific to the Balkans Area of Operations (AOR), and Customary International Law as it pertains to inherent right of self-defense. The one hour block of instruction was taught 2-3 times a week to hundreds of Air Force personnel prior to deploying to support the NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR).

Alcohol and the Law 2000-2009, Rhein-Main AB Germany, Incirlik AB Turkey and Goodfellow AFB Texas

Developed training course and taught at a briefing designed to prevent alcohol related incidents and for Airmen involved in alcohol related incidents. The briefing weaved both military, overseas country and state law with alcohol risks and legal repercussions. The 1-hour training was taught once a month to hundreds of personnel spanning the timeframe.

Individual and Team Combat Tactics 2006-2011, Goodfellow AFB Texas

Taught individual and team combat tactics such as bounding overwatch, flanking, staggered column formation, reaction to direct and indirect fire and combat search of enemy personnel. From 2006-2009 the training was taught to each Goodfellow AFB military member prior to deploying to a war zone. From 2009-2011 the training was taught once a year to Angelo State University ROTC Cadets. Hundreds of personnel were trained during the timeframe.

Operations Security (OPSEC) Fundamentals 2011-present, Goodfellow AFB Texas

Developed and taught OPSEC fundamentals with specific training on Goodfellow AFB OPSEC concerns, counter-measures and unit coordinator responsibilities. The 1-hour training session is taught to new OPSEC Coordinators and given as refresher training annually. To date, the training has been given to over 150 personnel.

Contingency and Operations Plans Fundamentals and Key Personnel 2011-present, Goodfellow AFB Texas

Developed and taught Contingency and Operations Plans training; the 1-hour training covers inception and maintenance of plans necessary to mitigate a crisis. Additionally, taught specific Goodfellow AFB plans requirements as well as specialized training for Key Personnel (Wing Commander, Vice Wing Commander and all Group Commanders). To date, the training has been given to over 140 personnel.

**Publications (Peer-Reviewed Journals):**

Christopher A. Hernandez, U.S. National Security Strategy and North Korea's Recent Rogue Activity. Is it working? Angelo State University *Journal of Homeland and National Security Perspectives*, Vol. 1:2, 2014

**Professional Activities and Service:**

2014 – Peer Reviewer: Angelo State University Journal of Homeland and National Security Perspectives

**Professional Organizations:**

Middle East Studies Association  
Phi Kappa Phi

**United States Air Force Awards and Honors:**

2017 Air Force Operations Security Civilian of the Year  
2017 AETC Operations Security Civilian of the Year  
2017 AETC Operations Security Program of the Year  
2017 17 TRW Staff Agency Civilian of the Year CAT III  
2017 17 TRW Civilian CAT II of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
2017 17 TRW Staff Agency Civilian CAT II of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
2012 17 TRW Civilian CAT II of the Year  
2012 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency Civilian CAT II of the Year  
2012 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency Civilian CAT II of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter  
2011 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency Team of the Year  
2011 17 TRW Civilian CAT II of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
2011 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency Civilian CAT II of the Quarter, 1st and 4th Quarters

2011 HQ AETC IG Professional Team Performance Award and Individual Award  
2009 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency SNCO of the Quarter, 1st and 3rd Quarters and of the Year  
2009 HQ AETC IG Professional Team Performance Award  
2008 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency SNCO of the Quarter, 4th Quarter  
2007 2 AF/JA and AETC/JA SNCO Paralegal of the Year (Yates-Popwell)  
2007 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency and Group Level SNCO of the Year  
2007 17 TRW Wing Staff Agency SNCO of the Quarter, 4th Quarter  
2007 Det 1, 332 EMSG (LSA Anaconda Iraq) Deployed SNCO of the Month  
2005 39 ABW Wing Staff Agency NCO of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter  
2005 Inspector General Nuclear Surety Inspection "Eagle Award"  
2003 469 ABG and Team Rhein-Main NCO of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
2001 3 AF/JA and USAFE NCO Paralegal of the Year (Swigonski)  
2001 USAFE/CV Exceptional Performer Award JFACC Exercise UNION FLASH 01  
2001 86 AW NCO of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
2001 469 ABG and Team Rhein-Main NCO of the Quarter, 1st Quarter  
1999 36 ABW/CC Outstanding Contribution Silver Coin Award  
1996 3rd Air Base Wing NCO of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter  
1995 3rd Mission Support Squadron NCO of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter  
1993 Honor Graduate Military Working Dog Supervisor/Trainer Course  
1991 Tactical Air Command Top Explosive Detector Dog Handler  
1990 56th SPS Outstanding Law Enforcement Specialist of the Year  
1990 Tactical Air Command Top Explosive Detector Dog Handler

#### **United States Air Force Decorations:**

Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters  
Army Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Seven Oak Leaf Clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Ten Oak Leaf Clusters  
Iraq Campaign Medal with One Bronze Star  
Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Award with One Oak Leaf Cluster

#### **Other Notable Achievements:**

Worked with U.S. Secret Service, FBI & State Department; provided bomb dog support for President Bush, Vice President Quayle, French President Mitterrand, Prince Charles of Wales & an Organized Crime & Drug Enforcement Task Force conference; contributed to highly effective security operations.

Authored position paper changing Air Force Instruction, authorized \$5,000 tort claim settlement authority for paralegals; Air Force wide impact. Authored hundreds of legal reviews/opinions on myriad subjects, including tort, labor, environmental and international law and the law of armed conflict. Drafted over 50 findings and sentencing worksheets for military judges and juries. Leveraged critical thinking and analysis and drafted over 75 criminal case briefs. Authored hundreds of demand for payment notices and legal reviews for pro-government tort claims.

Authored 9 Operations Security reports, in which the substance reached congress.

Conducted two commander directed investigations and one reprisal investigation; authored cumulative 400 page reports.

While deployed to Iraq, was recognized by CENTAF/JA for superior legal support during joint operations. Identified, investigated, analyzed & created solution for 24,000 improperly trained soldiers on Rules of Engagement; briefed senior leaders on plan, mitigated training issue, ensured international laws of war complied with during combat operations. Conducted 6 inspections of Initial Point of Capture facility for suspected terrorists, detected violation & recommended corrective action to Commander; ensured Geneva Convention compliance. Reviewed/analyzed classified Apache combat engagement; provided written/oral legal review to Commander on Rules of Engagement and international law compliance.

#### **United States Air Force Active Duty Job Assignments:**

1987–1989	Military Working Dog Handler, Andersen AFB, Guam
1989–1991	Explosive Detector Dog Handler, McDill AFB, Florida
1991–1992	Explosive Detector Dog Handler, Clark AB, RP
1992–1994	Explosive Detector Dog Handler/Trainer, McChord AFB, Washington
1994–1997	Asst NCOIC, Military Justice Section, NCOIC Civil Law, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
1997–2000	Asst NCOIC, Military Justice Section, NCOIC Civil Law & Claims, Andersen AFB, Guam
2000–2004	Law Office Manager, Rhein-Main AB, Germany
2004–2006	Law Center Superintendent, Incirlik AB, Turkey
2006–2011	Law Office Superintendent, Goodfellow AFB, Texas (19 Aug 07 – 19 Jan 08, Garrison Commander Legal Advisor, LSA Anaconda Iraq)

#### **United States Air Force Civilian Employee Job Assignments:**

1/2011–8/2011	Chief, Wing Inspections Program, Goodfellow Air Force Base Texas
8/2011–7/2020	Chief, Wing Operations Plans; Chief, Wing Operations Security; Chief, Wing Continuity of Operations Program, Chief, Critical Asses Risk Management, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7/2020-11/2020	Chief, Wing Inspections and Exercises, Chief, Wing Operations Plans; Chief, Wing Operations Security; Chief, Wing Continuity of Operations Program, Chief, Critical Asses Risk Management, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
11/2020-Present	Chief, Wing Plans and Programs

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