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MISSION

Seeking a position connecting social networks, socio-economic statistic analysis, commerce, advanced technology, and foreign policy to provide profoundly simple, refreshingly optimistic, and efficient long-term strategies for future-focused businesses, financial institutions, and think-tanks, where the market-savvy, adaptable, and driven are needed.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Arabic Cryptologic Linguist/Paratrooper, Sergeant, U.S. Army. (2002 - 2007)

- Active Top Secret/SCI clearance.
- During Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 (2005), employed, upgraded, and developed training and optimal usage documentation for computers and electronic signals equipment tactically and experimentally in order to intercept voice communications.
- Served as Arabic linguist and property controller (equipment worth in excess of \$1 million) for 4-man tactical interception team, requiring close teamwork, independence, cross-training, and initiative.
- Connected equipment in varying signals environments with integrated global intelligence networks, using expertise in radio wave theory and satellite connectivity.
- Analysis of U.S. foreign policy, terrorist ideology and networks, and of counter-terrorist/political policy of Middle Eastern governments and organizations.
- Engaged in foot patrols and force protection missions with Special Forces teams, participated in targeted raids, trained with Iraqi soldiers in Iraqi dialect and basic combat maneuvers.
- As supervisor for 5th Special Forces Group's intelligence administrative duties, trained co-workers up for their first deployment to Iraq, and resolved 90% of the entire unit's clearance issues in 4 months.
- Instructor for two iterations of basic combat course for Special Forces support personnel for convoy operations, small-arms, and crew-served weapons.
- Army Physical Fitness Badge for excellence in physical training regiment.

Trader in Securities, Self-Employed. (1999 - 2002)

- Six years experience trading NASDAQ/NYSE/AMEX equities.
- Generated 700% profit from short-term trading of NASDAQ/NYSE/AMEX equities using technical analysis of charts, corporate SEC filing analysis, and research into emerging technology.
- Developed investment blends and trading strategies through political economic study, market sector analysis, and knowledge of popular technology and Internet trends.

Senior Web Designer, WebMasters, Inc. (1998 - 2000)

- Attracted over 20 new clients as head designer of original designs from concept to finish, integrating database infrastructure, administrative back-end, and client vision and revisions.
- Selected clients: fabGORGON (a New York/Philadelphia advertising firm), CellChoice (a Philips Electronics cell phone promotion), Blue Ball Philadelphia, Flash Flood Productions (radio promotion production, <http://www.flashfloodinc.com/>), Ataraxian Access (<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Rhodes/6193/>), Austin Powers Official Collector's Club.

BenTurner.com & Freelance (1995 - Present)

- Created an award-winning, well-trafficked web site with extensive underlying MySQL database integration via PHP, dHTML, Ajax, and external APIs, linking over ten years of over 300MB of data together.
- Have published online close to 350 essays primarily about society, politics, the stock market, war, love, education, and gadgetry.
- Over 11 years of experience in design, programming, and database integration in a web site environment.
- Awards for benturner.com: winner of the Project Cool Site of the Day. (10/98) Reviewed in The Net magazine. (6/97)

Miscellaneous Information

- Proven ability to diversify my skills competently and change settings, adapt to new information, and motivate others to become more productive than they thought possible. Track record of distilling ideas and energy into products clients love. Able to communicate inspiration and motivation to different personalities and cultures.
- Typing: 85wpm.
- Extensive use of Windows, OS X, and Linux/UNIX platforms. MySQL databases.

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic, 2+/3 DLPT score, 4 years. Latin, 6 years. Ancient Greek, French, 1 year. Spanish, 1 semester. HTML, XML, PHP, JavaScript/dHTML/Ajax.

EDUCATION

U.S. Army (2002 - 2007)

Airborne school, level 1 combatives, hazardous materials training, Gryphon Group military defensive driving school, non-military COTS equipment training, Special Forces basic combat instructor course, first responder first aid course, Joint Readiness Training Center rotation.

Defense Language Institute Monterey, CA (2002 - 2003)

Associate's of Arts, Modern Standard Arabic.
2/2/1+ DLPT upon graduation, 2+/3 upon later renewal. 3.0 GPA.

University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX (1996 - 2000)

Bachelor of Arts, Latin.
Business Foundations Program and classical civilization as minors. 3.2 GPA.

Plano East Senior High Plano, TX (1994 - 1996)

AP curriculum, particularly English and Latin. Honors, 37th out of 853 students.

GRE (06/2006)

700 verbal (97%), 670 quantitative (64%), 6.0 analytical writing (96%).

SAT I (09/1995)

680 verbal, 720 quantitative.

INTERESTS

Foreign policy, global economies, alternative energy technologies, social networking, socio-economic statistics, international security, counter-terrorism, investment, entrepreneurship, emerging technology, social phenomena, community volunteering (Relay for Life for cancer awareness, Christmas in April house repair, Operation: Helmet for upgrading to safer Marine helmets), writing, running, swimming.