



PROFILE

More than **six years experience** as a military journalist, specializing in newspaper writing, photography, copy editing, design and layout. **Worked under pressure in extreme combat situations**, adapting to rapidly changing conditions on the ground and meeting deadlines. **Produced stories and photos that reached a worldwide audience.** Persistent, curious and a quick learner. Enjoys keeping up with the latest social and multimedia tools available to tell a story and engage the community.

SKILLS

Digital Photography Copy Editing Design and Layout **Photoshop/ InDesign**

Basic Video Production **QuarkXPress** Social Media/ Blogging **Bilingual: Spanish/ English**

EXPERIENCE

Editorial Intern, National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D.C. **Spring 2012**

- Conducted interviews and **wrote articles for the Pop Omnivore blog** on the National Geographic website. Conducted research for magazine articles and story proposals as needed. Participated in staff meetings and gained familiarity with the magazine publishing process.

Combat Correspondent/Supervisor, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Iraq **2005 – 2008**

- **Embedded with Army units in Iraq during major military operations** and day-to-day missions. As a result ensured wide coverage of troops with news stories and features published in global print and online sites and **photos picked up by news agencies such as the AP and Time (online).**
- Supervised and mentored small team of journalists. Managed journalism training for new personnel, initiated field training for journalists in Iraq. **Helped develop training handbook for stringers.**
- **Founding editor of monthly digital magazine in Iraq** serving 3,000+ soldiers in Army brigade. Edited stories from stringers ensuring flow and AP style. Carried out monthly design and layout.

Assistant Editor/Staff Writer, U.S. Army, Fort Drum *Blizzard*, Fort Drum, N.Y. **2004 – 2005**

- **Responsible for production of newspaper** (circulation 12,000+) in the absence of the editor.
- Managed newspaper staff. Led staff in weekly design and layout of newspaper **resulting in the publication earning first place for tabloid format paper** in Army Northeast region, 2004.
- **Pursued enterprise stories frequently, as a result earned awards and recognition** from senior Army leadership for stories addressing topical issues relevant to the Army community.

Staff Writer, U.S. Army, Fort Drum *Blizzard*, Fort Drum, N.Y. **2002 – 2004**

- Award winning writer and photojournalist for weekly Army newspaper.
- Won Army Northeast region **"Rising Star" New Outstanding Writer** award, 2003.
- **Covered high profile events such as visit of Afghanistan president** to Fort Drum, N.Y.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Communication, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. **December 2012**

Journalism concentration, minor in International/Comparative Studies. **Magna cum laude honors.** Served as a staff writer for the student newspaper the *Broadside*, covered the Crime Beat. Also contributed to school online news site *Connect2Mason*. Course work included online journalism and video production. 3.8 GPA.