### **Executive Profile**

Veteran, former Hill staffer, and Middle East expert possessing a thorough understanding of the legislative process, defense matters, and veterans' issues. Passionate about democracy, the rule of law, and politics. Limited working proficiency in Arabic, elementary proficiency in Farsi, and basic knowledge of Kurdish and Russian. Possess campaign volunteer experience, have completed campaign management course, and am knowledgeable regarding voter outreach, polling, and metrics. Am also a Volunteer Deputy Registrar and certified poll worker. Lastly, I am deeply committed to education and helping students reach their maximum potential.

## **Employment Highlights**

### **Collin County Democratic Party**

Campaign Volunteer

- Sent approximately 500 texts and follow ups to potential voters
- Made several hundred calls to potential and undecided voters
- Prepared materials for canvassing activities and events
- Registered voters and placed voter registration forms at universities and businesses

# Frisco Independent School District

Substitute Teacher

- Provided instruction to elementary and middle school students on politics, math, language arts, and physical education
- Taught in regular, special education, and talented and gifted classrooms
- Used proven classroom management techniques to create safe environments conducive to learning

## Washington Kurdish Institute

Associate

- Investigated US policy in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria and how US courses of action could influence policies of Russia, Iran, Syria, and Turkey
- Researched effects of US train and equip missions on the Syrian Democratic Forces, Iraqi Armed Forces, and Kurdish Peshmerga
- Held over 20 meetings with Congressional staff members to inform them on Kurdish issues and discuss issues regarding Iran, the Assad regime, and Turkey
- Scheduled and coordinated meetings for representatives of the Washington Kurdish Institute and Syrian Democratic Council with Representatives, Senators, and Congressional staff
- Studied Syrian Arab Army, Syrian intelligence services, and Assad regime's modus operandi for dealing with opposition groups and Islamist organizations like the Islamic State
- Prepared detailed briefing on Russia's policy in northern Syria and how it is influenced by Russian limitations and commitment to authoritarianism

Aug 2021 to Present

Apr 2019 to Present

Oct 2022 to Present

# **US Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Staff Assistant

- Provided research and logistical support to Legislative Aides and Professional Staff Members
- Prepared briefings and materials for hearings and markups
- Continuously developed knowledge base regarding House and Senate legislative procedures to assist with passage of legislation
- Researched service dogs, veteran suicide, PTSD, and the Post 9/11 GI Bill

# **US House Veterans' Affairs Committee**

May 2018 to Jan 2019

Staff Assistant

- Prepared briefings and materials for committee members, hearings, and markups
- Prepared weekly reports on committee activities for Department of Veterans Affairs and House Majority Leader's office
- Briefed subcommittees on information received via fax, email, and phone to facilitate investigations and legislative efforts
- Filed important legislative documents and dispersed them to appropriate subcommittees
- Answered and resolved calls from veterans and veteran service organizations •

#### **US House of Representatives**

Congressional Intern

- Prepared detailed briefing on Qatar, Qatari foreign policy, and House of Thani for **Congressional Delegation**
- Provided research and analysis on individuals and issues for Congressman, Chief of Staff and Legislative Assistants
- Attended hearings on foreign policy and defense-related issues, including the Middle East, North Korea, and Chinese covert influence
- Assisted Legislative Correspondent in writing responses to constituents

#### **Plano Independent School District**

*Substitute Teacher* 

- Provided instruction to students in Behavioral, Structured, Gifted, ESL, IB, and General Education classrooms
- Taught US History, World History, English, and all middle and elementary subjects

#### **SITMA Project**

*Consultant* 

- Consulted on the development of virtual strategic applications
- Provided knowledge regarding counterterrorism, non-state actors, insurgent recruiting methods, and al Qaida modus operandi
- Analyzed strategic and tactical games for applicability to military tactics, operations, strategy, and training

Jan 2018 to May 2018

Dec 2014 to May 2018

Jun 2010 to Dec 2013

#### **United States Marine Corps**

2010

Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Defense/Operations Specialist

- Assisted operations in al Fallujah, Iraq by carrying out combat security patrols, sensitive site exploitation, and disseminating vital information to subordinate units
- Successfully collaborated with personnel from other US service branches and Iraqi military and civilian personnel
- Trained multiple teams of 30 Marines to carry out Monitor Survey/Decontamination operations and over 500 Marines on basic NBC defense measures annually

#### **Education and Training**

American Military University	2012
Master of Arts, Intelligence Studies; Concentration on Counterterrorism	

#### University of Texas at Dallas Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Also studied Political Science