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EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business
Master of Business Administration

Dallas, Texas
May 2028

University of New England
Bachelor of Business (International Business)

Armidale, Australia
November 2025

EXPERIENCE

Australian Army
Battery Executive Officer (Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia)

Jul 2019 – Jan 2026
Dec 2024 – Jan 2026

Second-in-command of a 90-person unit, directing daily operations and managing a \$30M portfolio of government assets.

- Maintained full operational readiness for 90 consecutive days by directing the mobilization of 50 personnel and \$20M in equipment from Australia to the Philippines; selected to lead the unit overseas.
- Increased operational readiness by 5% year-over-year to 95% by leading training and sustainment initiatives while delegating responsibilities across the unit leadership team.
- Achieved 100% of annual training objectives by designing and implementing a training program for 90 personnel, improving operational performance by 20% across five teams.
- Relocated 200 personnel and \$50M in assets across 500 km of remote terrain with zero loss or incident by leading maritime security operations and coordinating government, civilian, and contractor stakeholders in support of national border protection initiatives.

Joint Fires Team Commander (Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia)

Jan 2023 – Dec 2024

Led a specialized team responsible for coordinating operations across land, maritime, and air environments in support of large-scale and multinational operations.

- Increased operational readiness by 15% within 12 months while sustaining equipment availability 10% above organizational benchmarks by optimizing training, maintenance, and operational planning.
- Established the unit's first cross-functional capability, integrating land, maritime, and air resources to expand operational reach across multinational exercises.
- Designed and delivered specialized training to 30 U.S. and partner-nation personnel, leading multinational coordination and building capability in collaborative operational planning.
- Led 40 personnel as the senior on-site leader during an overseas assignment to Timor-Leste, operating one level above position while serving as the senior Australian representative.

Command Post Officer and Troop Commander (Puckapunyal, Victoria, Australia)

Jan 2022 – Jan 2023

Led a 40-person team, directing day-to-day operations and personnel qualification.

- Managed performance, development, and career progression for 40 personnel, overseeing evaluations, individualized development plans, and promotion recommendations to strengthen workforce capability.
- Directed 50+ complex, high-risk training operations with zero critical safety incidents, certifying new personnel in specialized technical qualifications.
- Sustained continuous operational readiness across a 180-day period, prepared to relocate personnel and \$40M in assets interstate on 72-hour notice.

Operations Manager (Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia)

Jul 2019 – Jan 2022

Directed the coordination of administrative, operational, and logistical requirements for a 300-person organization.

- Selected during a multinational exercise to brief senior leadership on unit operations and integration, a responsibility typically performed by a manager two levels senior.
- Maintained full operational readiness throughout the year, ensuring personnel, equipment, and resources were prepared for all assigned exercises and contingencies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Awards/Citations:** Awarded citation from Philippine General Officers for multinational operational excellence. Awarded Australian Defence Medal and Australian Operational Service Medal – BP.
- **Interests/Community:** Played soccer at a semi-professional level, endurance sports (two Ironman triathlons in the last 18 months). Volunteered as a Soccer Coach/Player at Darwin Olympic Soccer Club.