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When I was 19 I joined the Marine Corps and served in an active status from 2012 to 2016. After being released from AD, I started university while I was still on terminal leave. A prior service recruiter contacted me about the Individual Mobilized Augmentee program and I joined the reserves, completing my AT and drill time in one block during the summer break at university. During my 3 years in the reserves, I was attached to the Marine Corps Intelligence School, which provided me with the unique opportunity of independently leading a large group of entry level Marines while receiving feedback from peers and senior leaders alike. This experience would forge my leadership style as one of diplomacy, fostering potential, and camaraderie. The IMA program allowed me the flexibility to continue my service to the nation, while also accomplishing personal education goals.

Upon graduating with a B.S. in the field of Astrophysics in 2019, I would be asked to help establish a leadership program for high school students that closely emulated JROTC and the curriculum taught at senior military colleges. Throughout that summer I would wrap up my time in the Marine Corps, co-develop curriculum for the newly established Corps of Cadets where I would spend the next 2 school years instilling the values of leadership and personal responsibility in Cadets while also dual-hatting as a Physics teacher. In the Summer of 2021 I was approached about a SIGINT analysis and simulation program that was looking to add someone like myself. I took the job and within roughly a year I was promoted internally, becoming Deputy Program Manager. I thoroughly enjoy the trajectory my career is on.

In my free time, I have dedicated the last several years to increased involvement in Veterans Service Organizations and believe that I would be a strong addition to the MCRA Board of Directors.

I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many great people up to this point and look forward to what the future holds.