# **Zachary Helsel**

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Highly efficient, dedicated veteran with over nine years of experience supervising teams in-charge of high-value technical projects and equipment. Record of unparalleled leadership, managing multiple concurrent deadlines, and management of organizational workflow. Offers a proven ability to build effective high-performance teams and adapt to meet customers' needs. Committed to improving and leveraging opportunities for growth.

- Team Player & Team Builder
- Risk Analysis & Management
- Project Management
- Strategic Thinker
- ❖ File & Records Management
- Goal Oriented
- Active Security Clearance
- Dynamic Leadership
- Highly Professional
- Personnel mentorship and counseling
- Basic Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, and Word)

## **Professional Experience:**

## **Unmanned Aerial Systems Section Supervisor**

1st Special Forces Group / 82nd Airborne Division / U.S. Army

- September 2016 to May 2022
- Managed administrative, logistical, educational, and operational needs of 15-30 personnel in an aviation organization.
- Developed, initiated, and evaluated new procedures, policies, and internal controls; assessed and resolved complex operational problems.
- Designed, implemented, and managed numerous training programs; orchestrated team meetings and daily briefs.
- Planned, directed, supervised, and coordinated tasks of employees and staff focusing on achieving organizational and personal goals.
- Evaluated team leads and employees' skills by providing hands-on training, mentorship, and performance evaluations.

#### **Unmanned Aerial Systems Team Lead**

1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group / 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division / U.S. Army

May 2015 to September 2016

- First-level trainer proficient in the organization's equipment, regulations, and all aspects of the company's task list.
- Led diverse training simulations to prepare teammates for operations in austere environments and emergency situations.
- Trained 15 personnel on Aircrew Training Program enhancing the organization's overall readiness.
- Supervised the preparation, inventory, and preventative maintenance of technical equipment and vehicles for over four major training events and countless local field exercises.

#### **Unmanned Aerial Systems Operator**

January 2012 to May 2022

1st Special Forces Group / 82nd Airborne Division / U.S. Army

- Flew 1246 total flight hours which included 890 combat on the Shadow (RQ-7BV1 & V2) platform. Awarded Army's Commendation Medal for over 1,000 accident-free flight hours.
- Conducted Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions specific to customer needs using real-time, full-motion view payloads.
- Managed accountability and serviceability of over 25 million dollars' worth of technical equipment and vehicles.
- Created and logged daily, weekly, and monthly preventative maintenance on equipment and vehicles in accordance with respective technical manuals.
- Performed minor maintenance work on vehicles and equipment, or coordinated higher-level maintenance for major deficiencies.

#### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor Of Arts, Management** 

American Military University January 2021- August 2023 GPA: 3.9 (Dean's List)

# Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Flight Operator

Cochise College Graduated March 2022

# **Technical Degree, Construction and Remodeling**

Madison Area Technical College Graduated 2009

### LEADERSHIP/CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

- American Military University's Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement
- International Honor Society in Business Delta Mu Delta Member
- Senior Leadership Course (96% Commandant's list)
- Advanced Leadership Course
- Basic Leadership Course
- Responsible for the well-being, oversight, mentorship, and counseling of 25 team members