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Professional experience:

Executive Officer and Community Affairs Manager, 121st Air Refueling Wing.

Nov 03 – present

As full time and weekend Air National Guard LtCol, I manage all community relations programs, serve as the media relations point of contact, oversee protocol, supervise 5 administrative and 12 volunteer community activity coordinators, and orchestrate multiple organization-wide administrative projects for 1400 members. Volunteer with Ohio Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to shape employer outreach programs in Central Ohio.

Designed and manage the most active public outreach orientation flight program in the nation to educate local, state, and federal elected officials, employers, military spouses, and military cadets about the unit, the Ohio National Guard and Ohio ESGR.

Public Health Officer, 121st Air Refueling Wing. 1998-2003

As traditional guardsman, I performed work place health and safety monitoring and intervention for 1400 members whose primary mission is maintaining and deploying 18 KC-135 Tankers and its personnel. Certified in Epidemiology by the Center for Disease Control.

Overall military experience includes 18 years of non-consecutive service. Activities include six years as a USAF clinical nurse on active duty, three years as a flight nurse, two years as clinic reserve nurse, and eight years in the Ohio Air National Guard. Unique experiences include ten years of overseas living and two mobilizations in response to international conflicts.

Director of Operations, Central Ohio Financial Group of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Aug 02-Nov 03

Initiated and facilitated the creation of a high production work culture through the development and integration of support staff, improved organizational structure, systems of communication, and development of company values. Supervised five support staff. Led marketing efforts for 40 financial representatives. Certified life insurance agent.

President, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce. April 01-Aug 02

Devised plan and laid the foundation for transforming a 300 member business organization from one that focuses on networking and information to one that emphasized economic development, advocacy, and member benefits. Supervised two staff. Responsible for member recruitment and retention and all associated services and programs.

Office Manager & Director of Marketing, Buckeye Sports and Orthopedic Specialists. 1994-2000

Established, developed, and managed this medical practice from one physician and four employees in one county to three physicians and twenty two staff in three counties. Major contributions were general contracting during facility construction, human resource management, creating OSHA manual, organization of the business office, bookkeeping, and marketing.

Miscellaneous Health Care Experiences:

Twenty years of varied work experiences in multiple inpatient and outpatient health care settings. Focus was occupational health nursing in various size businesses in Ohio, California, New Mexico, and Texas. Other clinical areas included labor and delivery, step down ICU, and post surgical recovery.

Over 20 years of volunteering with the American Heart Association as a CPR Instructor Trainer and the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, First Aid Instructor and Back Safety Health Instructor.

Education:

Ohio University, Pickerington. 2004

Masters degree in Political Science with emphasis on Public Administration.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio Texas. 1989

Master's degree in Community Health Nursing with a minor in teaching. Focus was on occupational health with concentration in the selection and integration of persons with disabilities into the workplace.

Medical College of Virginia, Richmond Virginia. 1981.

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

Community Leadership:

Pickerington: Past co-founder and Marketing Chair of Pickerington's Violet Festival. Past volunteer Chairman of the board of the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce. Chair of Chamber Marketing, Ambassador, and Economic Development Committees. Graduate of the 1996 community leadership program – LEADS.

Lancaster: Past Secretary and *Get out the Vote* Chair of the Fairfield County Republican Party. Past board member of the Lancaster Family YMCA. Co-founder of Family Ministries Council at the First United Methodist Church. Past member of Lancaster Chamber legislative affairs committee. Recipient of the 1997 Small Business Award from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

State: Past board member and Vice Chair of the Ohio Small Business Council Board of Governors, a division of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Co-author of a statewide advocacy initiative called *Ohio's Promise*. In this capacity, I testified in front of the Tobacco Settlement Committee. Also briefed House, Senate, and Governor's legislative staffs on survey findings and results helped shape legislative agenda of Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Small Business Council.

Organizations:

Ohio Air National Guard Association
National Guard Association of United States
Columbus Metropolitan Club
Public Relations Society of America
Ohio Women in Government
Pickerington Area Republican Club

References available upon request.