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Veteran leader with more than twenty five in the media, corporate communications and marketing. Skilled at heading projects, and hiring and managing staff, with career experience in deadline-oriented environments. Fluent in Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

News writing • Photography • Illustration • Graphic design • News design • News editing • Web editing • Web graphics • Social media • Management • Hiring • Scheduling • Presentations • IT troubleshooting • Quality control • Technical documentation • Video and audio production • Budgeting • Strategic Planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PIEDMONT MEDIA - WARRENTON, VA
EDITOR IN CHIEF (2018-PRESENT)

In charge of news operations for the Fauquier, Prince William and Gainesville Times newspapers and associated products. Create budgets and direct coverage strategies. Write columns and editorials, member of the editorial board. Page design. Help maintain and direct the website and social media presence, as well as video and podcasts.

MANAGING EDITOR (2016-2018)

Second to the Executive Editor in the newsroom management. Head of editorial production, visuals and design for the Fauquier, Prince William and Gainesville Times newspapers and associated products.

STARS AND STRIPES - WASHINGTON, DC
PHOTO/GRAPHICS EDITOR (2003-2016)

Manage the photo/graphics department for the editorially independent newspaper for the U.S. military community, leading a small team of photo editors and artists. Coordinate workflow with departments and bureaus across the globe; giving daily input and guidance on page design, photo selection, and special projects. Have developed detailed guidelines for photo selection, illustrations, ethical standards and policies in design and photography, and was instrumental in developing procedures for the newspaper's disaster recovery plan. Helped write the newspaper's first comprehensive design style guide. Monitor reproduction issues, hire photo/graphics personnel, and create training documents and presentations.

FREELANCE WRITER AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT (1990-PRESENT)

Write business, sports and feature stories for newspapers, magazines and Web sites. Create marketing publications for companies and non-profit organizations. Design book and CD covers. Information architecture. Audio digitization. IT troubleshooting. On-air radio work. Created classes in freelance news writing for Reading Area Community College and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association.

THE MERCURY - POTTSTOWN, PA GRAPHICS EDITOR (1998-2001)

Created maps and graphics for a Pulitzer Prize winning daily newspaper, also serving in a variety of other roles as needed, including slot, wire, advertorial and regional edition editor. Maintained the Business and Opinion pages. Mentored stringers on proper techniques for news writing. Managed newspaper's Web presence. Headed editorial portion of a full newspaper redesign. Wrote stories and columns. Operations maintenance and software installation for Macs and PCs on a WIN/NT-based network.

DETTRA FLAG COMPANY - OAKS, PA PUBLICATIONS MANAGER (1997-1998)

Created and managed stock of marketing publications for what was one of the nation's biggest flag manufacturers.

MOSBY YEAR-BOOK, INC. - PHILADELPHIA, PA COMPOSITION SPECIALIST (1996-1997)

Layout and production of medical textbooks.

STARNET, INC - WEST CHESTER, PA MASTER CONTROL OPERATOR (1994-1996)

On-air quality control for an ad insertion cable network. Digital encoding, editing and technical writing.

THE RECORD NEWSPAPERS - COATESVILLE, PA SPORTSWRITER (1991-1992)

Staff sportswriter for a daily newspaper and affiliated weeklies. Live coverage, columns and features.

EDUCATION

B.A., Journalism. Aug., 1994, The American University, Washington, D.C.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- MacWorld and GraphicCom3 workshops in Quark, Illustrator and Photoshop
- Rockhurst educational workshop in Photoshop
- Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association seminar on Newspaper Design
- American Press Institute seminar: Front Page: Content, Presentation, Brand
- CNI training in administration of its editorial database in NT and Novell environments
- Writing Intern, NASA Educational Affairs department
- Radio Production Intern, Mutual Broadcasting System

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Judge for New Jersey Press Association Awards in info-graphics and illustration
- Vice President and founding member, Shenandoah Valley Jazz Society
- Founding committee member, Sound Advice Big Band
- Former President, Swing Fever Dance Band
- Former Secretary, Spirit of the Airwaves Players
- Virginia Press Association recognition awarded in April 2017:
 - 1st Place: 2016 Excellence of sports pages with the sports and design staff
 - 2nd Place: 2016 General makeup with staff
- In April 2018, The Fauquier Times was recognized by the Virginia Press Association as the best large, non-daily newspaper in Virginia with a circulation of 7,000 or more.