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SUMMARY

U.S. Marine Corps veteran transitioning into cybersecurity and cloud engineering, bringing hands-on experience building and securing infrastructure across AWS, Azure, and DigitalOcean environments. I've worked in high-pressure environments where precision, accountability, and clear communication are critical, and I apply that same mindset to IT systems and security.

I regularly troubleshoot system and network issues, document solutions, and implement fixes to prevent repeat problems. I focus on system hardening, automation, and building reliable infrastructure that stays secure and performs under real-world conditions.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Systems: Linux, Windows Server, Windows, macOS

Cloud Platforms: AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, IAM), Azure, DigitalOcean

Security: DISA STIGs, Nmap, Wireshark, Kali Linux, Shodan, IDS/IPS, Zero Trust, OS Hardening, NIST

Automation & DevOps: Ansible, Docker, Kubernetes, YAML (Infrastructure as Code)

Networking: TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP, VLANs, VPN, IPsec, SSL, Active Directory

Web & Databases: Apache, NGINX, HAProxy, MySQL, MongoDB, MariaDB

Virtualization: VMware (ESXi, Workstation), VirtualBox, KVM

Monitoring & Testing: JMeter

Programming/Scripting: Python, SQL

Tools: GitHub, ServiceDesk Plus, VMware

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Cloud Infrastructure Deployment (AWS & Hybrid Environments)
 - Infrastructure as Code (IaC) & Automation (Ansible)
 - System Hardening & Compliance (STIG/NIST)
 - Network Design, Implementation & Troubleshooting
 - Identity & Access Management (IAM)
 - Cloud Cost Optimization & Resource Efficiency
 - On-Prem to Cloud Integration
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Transmission Systems Operator

U.S. Marine Corps | Dec 2019 – Dec 2023

- Led communications operations in high-tempo command environments where system reliability and security were mission-critical.
- Managed secure tactical communication systems, including encryption key handling in accordance with COMSEC protocols
- Ensured communication systems met strict security and operational compliance requirements in high-risk environments
- Diagnosed and resolved communication and system issues in time-sensitive scenarios to maintain operational continuity
- Oversaw accountability and maintenance of \$5.6M+ in mission-critical equipment across large-scale operations
- Coordinated communication across 7 units, tracking over 230 personnel and leadership in real time
- Trained Marines on communication security procedures, reporting systems, and operational best practices
- Maintained detailed documentation of systems, equipment, and readiness status
- Fostered a culture of discipline, accountability, and teamwork within operational units
- Awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for improving efficiency and coordination across units
- Troubleshoot and resolved communication and system issues to maintain continuous operational readiness

Bar Operations Assistant

Liam Fitzpatrick's Irish Restaurant & Pub | Lake Mary, FL | Feb 2017 – Dec 2019

- Supported high-volume bar operations in a fast-paced, customer-facing environment, ensuring efficient service and smooth coordination between staff
- Interacted directly with customers to fulfill requests, maintain service quality, and resolve issues in real time
- Managed responsibilities during peak hours in a high-traffic environment, consistently maintaining service quality and operational efficiency
- Maintained organization and inventory of bar supplies, ensuring readiness during busy shifts and large events
- Assisted team members by prioritizing tasks under pressure, improving workflow and overall customer experience
- Upheld cleanliness, safety, and operational standards in accordance with business policies

Customer Service Associate

Publix | Lake Mary, FL | Jan 2016 – Feb 2017

- Assisted customers in a fast-paced environment while maintaining professionalism and attention to detail
- Resolved customer issues efficiently and supported team operations to ensure consistent service quality

EDUCATION

B.S. Cybersecurity

Full Sail University — May 2026

B.S. Information Technology

Full Sail University — Sep 2025

High School Diploma, Magna Cum Laude

Lake Mary High School — May 2019

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

DISA STIG Automation

- Built and deployed Ansible scripts to automate DISA STIG hardening across multiple Linux servers in AWS and DigitalOcean environments
- Standardized system configurations to improve consistency and reduce manual setup time
- Improved system reliability and reduced manual configuration effort through automation and standardized deployment practices

Cloud Architecture Deployment (AWS & DigitalOcean)

- Designed and implemented a scalable 3-tier cloud architecture across AWS and DigitalOcean
- Configured HAProxy load balancing with Apache backend servers and MySQL databases
- Improved system resilience and performance through redundancy and high-availability design
- Supported scalable web applications with load balancing and database redundancy to improve uptime and performance

Containerized Infrastructure

- Developed and deployed a scalable LAMP stack using Docker containers and Kubernetes orchestration across AWS and DigitalOcean environments
- Enabled consistent application deployment across multiple environments

Help Desk System Implementation

- Configured ServiceDesk Plus, including SLA policies, user roles, permissions, and asset tracking
- Simulated user-generated tickets to test workflows and system functionality
- Tested escalation processes across all support tiers and validated response procedures
- Generated incident reports to evaluate system performance and support operations

LAN Network Deployment

- Designed and implemented a full LAN infrastructure for a small business environment
- Selected hardware, installed operating systems, and configured Active Directory

- Created and managed user accounts, groups, and network permissions
- Applied network security controls to protect system access and data

Security Implementation

- Applied NIST and DISA STIG frameworks to harden systems across AWS and DigitalOcean environments
- Identified and mitigated system vulnerabilities through secure configuration and access control implementation

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Orlando City Soccer | 2016–2018

VFW Post 2093 | 2025–2026

ADDITIONAL STRENGTHS

- Strong discipline and accountability developed through military service
- Proven ability to perform under pressure in team-based environments
- Quick to learn new technologies and apply them in real-world scenarios
- Detail-oriented with a focus on system reliability, documentation, and continuous improvement