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Summary

Technology and program leader who turns complex, high-consequence missions into executable programs and dependable operations. Experience spans Amazon Leo, AWS security, Microsoft sovereign cloud and AI strategy, national-security space, and nuclear mission systems. Known for creating structure around ambiguous problems, aligning engineering, operations, security, finance, and executive stakeholders, and carrying programs from strategy through operational adoption.

Experience

Amazon

Arlington, VA

Senior Technical Program Manager, SATCOM Field Operations, Amazon Leo Government

November 2025 - Present

- Own the support-platform operating architecture for Amazon Leo Government, unifying more than five service, identity, case-management, and customer-support systems into a single field-operations model.
- Translate more than 150 technical and operational requirements into a sequenced roadmap across two engineering teams and 10 developers, defining workflows, integration boundaries, delivery priorities, and operational-readiness criteria.
- Built an AI-enabled program operating system that converted fragmented plans and static artifacts into live schedules, test plans, milestone tracking, and executive status views, eliminating more than 10 hours of weekly coordination work.

Senior Technical Program Manager, Foundational Security Services

May 2025 – November 2025

- Led expansion of auditable just-in-time privileged access across AWS commercial, government, and disconnected cloud regions, strengthening the approval, monitoring, and auditing of engineer access while reducing standing permissions and exposure to customer data.
- Built financial reporting and forecasting for 14 infrastructure fleets spanning more than 200 AWS services and a \$6 million annual budget, enabling directors and engineering leaders to evaluate usage, manage costs, and prioritize infrastructure investments.

Microsoft

Reston, VA

Director, Strategic Ventures

October 2023 – May 2025

- Directed growth strategy for autonomous AI, quantum computing, and secure cloud across the Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, and U.S. national laboratories, contributing to three contracts and \$20 million in revenue.
- Built a repeatable due-diligence and prioritization model used to assess 20 emerging technology opportunities and 24 Major Defense Acquisition Programs, informing investment, partnership, and customer-engagement decisions.
- Developed a \$2.3 billion AI market opportunity assessment spanning seven national laboratories and 13 federal offices, translating mission demand, competitive position, and acquisition pathways into go-to-market priorities.

Senior Product Manager, Office 365

May 2021 – October 2023

- Led product and engineering delivery of Microsoft Teams and Office Online across two sovereign federal cloud environments, sequencing approximately 1,200 service dependencies and closing 90% of deployment-parity gaps.
- Co-led a 10-week cybersecurity assessment across 37 product, engineering, security, and program stakeholders, driving remediation and supporting authorization to operate for two sovereign cloud environments.
- Built a prioritization model for 30 federal requirements across more than 170 services, reduced infrastructure estimates for 500,000 expected monthly users by 50%, and helped restructure vendor support to save \$5.3 million.

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)

Chantilly, VA

System Engineer Principal, Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPIR) Architecture

October 2020 – May 2021

- Led architecture studies across the U.S. Space Force, Missile Defense Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and Intelligence Community, with findings informing NSA's strategy for modernizing geospatial-intelligence processing and delivery.
- Assessed cost, performance, data, and architecture tradeoffs across legacy dissemination systems, developing a modernization strategy designed to accommodate projected Department of Defense data growth and increase operational capacity by 10x.

U.S. Air Force, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) - Rank: Captain

Program Manager / COTR, Real-Time Satellite Data Dissemination Service (RTS)

Chantilly, VA

November 2017 – October 2020

- Led a 55-person joint team responsible for the development, operation, security, and sustainment of a \$50 million-plus real-time satellite data portfolio serving more than 80 Department of Defense and Intelligence Community programs.
- Integrated 15 non-traditional intelligence and defense data feeds into a common dissemination platform, increasing mission data available to users by 38%, resolving 118 operational requirements, expanding access to 15 additional organizations, and increasing availability from 99% to 99.99%.
- Delivered a \$10 million cross-domain satellite data dissemination platform that doubled global customer access, then secured and executed a \$26 million follow-on contract to establish the mission’s first cloud-enabled secure dissemination capability.

U.S. Air Force, Global Positioning Systems Directorate (GPS) – Rank: Captain

Deputy Chief of Staff

Los Angeles, CA

April 2017 – November 2017

- Advised GPS executive leadership on strategic planning, technical risk, acquisition decisions, and investment tradeoffs across a \$32 billion portfolio, including responses to more than 30 Defense Department, congressional, and oversight reviews.
- Developed and aligned stakeholders around a \$100 million portfolio reallocation strategy that closed a critical GPS encryption funding gap and redirected resources toward high-priority operational requirements.

Space Program Executive Officer (PEO) Staff Director

April 2016 – April 2017

- Directed acquisition, contracting, financial, technical, and congressional coordination across four major GPS programs, integrating requirements, schedules, risks, milestones, and portfolio investments.
- Developed and coordinated funding strategies supporting \$1.9 billion for next-generation GPS satellites and continuation of the \$5.6 billion GPS command-and-control system.

Program Manager, Nuclear Detonation Detection Ground System

June 2014 – April 2016

- Led development, sustainment, cybersecurity, and operational testing for a \$20 million annual ground program across nine global sites, supporting nuclear attack warning and treaty monitoring in coordination with Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Department of Defense mission partners.
- Delivered a \$3 million multi-site modernization 30 days early, embedded cybersecurity requirements into the next-generation architecture, reduced projected lifecycle costs by 20%, and avoided \$5 million in testing costs through a streamlined verification strategy.

U.S. Air Force, Global Strike Command, Malmstrom Air Force Base – Rank: Captain

Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Combat Crew Commander and Assistant Flight Commander

Great Falls, MT

April 2010 – June 2014

- Commanded nuclear-alert operations with direct responsibility for 10 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles while supporting squadron readiness for 50 weapon systems.
- Led training and evaluation for 28 missile combat crew officers, sustaining 100% operational readiness through command-and-control exercises, emergency response, and time-critical mission activities.

Education

New York University, Leonard N. Stern School of Business

Executive MBA, Concentration in Strategy and Corporate Finance (Top 10% of Class)

New York, NY

July 2021

University of Washington

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Seattle, WA

June 2009

Core Competencies

AI and Automation: Applied AI and Generative AI | AI-Assisted Prototyping and Software Development | Agentic Workflow Automation | Model Context Protocol (MCP) Integrations | Kiro | Claude | OpenAI | Amazon Q

Technology and Program Leadership: Technical Program Leadership | Product and Engineering Execution | Cloud Infrastructure and Security (AWS, Azure) | Cybersecurity and Privileged Access | Secure Data and Systems Integration | Operational Readiness

Space and National Security: Satellite Communications and Ground Systems | Defense Acquisition and Portfolio Management | Intelligence and Defense Programs | Nuclear Command, Control, and Detection Systems