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Career Summary

Highly motivated IT professional leveraging military training and a passion for technology to deliver innovative solutions. Consistently ranked as a top performer for timely execution and technical accuracy.

Work Experience

The Nakupuna Companies - Hybrid/Remote

Apr 2024 - Present

Network Engineer

- **Process Automation:** Engineered a PowerShell solution that reduced Ekahau WAP documentation turnaround by 95% (20x faster) by leveraging the underlying filesystem structure to programmatically rename thousands of data points where no native mass rename feature existed, accelerating deliverables across all sites.
- **Project Leadership & Audits:** Led the Physical Configuration Audit for the BAN Modernization at MCLB Albany, finishing 33% ahead of schedule with 99% accuracy.
- **Optical Networking & Acceptance:** Resolved Ciena 6500 DWDM port mapping issues and served as Lead Test Engineer for the Government Acceptance Test (GAT) to ensure compliance.
- **Software-Defined Access (SDA):** Orchestrated the installation and SDA onboarding of 170 network devices using Cisco Catalyst Center (DNAC).
- Completed hardware installations ahead of schedule, increasing project efficiency 20%.
- **Asset Management:** Maintained 100% accountability for 2,670 assets valued at over \$2M across two USMC installations.
- **Wireless Engineering & Surveying:** Surveyed 7.8 million sq. ft. using Ekahau Sidekick 2, capturing 20,000+ data points across 1,100 WAPs to generate heatmaps and optimize network design.
- **Technical Standardization:** Developed a company-wide SOP and presented live demonstrations for wireless surveys using Ekahau with minimal lead time.
- **Distinguished Performance:** Received formal recognition from Nakupuna CEO following the ALBY CISD Director's praise of the project's execution. Also, earned "Exceeds" rating in every category of the 2025 Performance Review for providing on and off-site support to every base across three separate contracts.

USAF Air National Guard at 224th JCSS (SSGT/E-5) - Brunswick, GA

Apr 2021 - Present

1D751A Cyber Defense Operations (XCOMM)

- **Tactical Network Operations:** Deployed and maintained network infrastructure, IP detection, and cryptographic equipment via PacStar Modular Tactical Networking Systems.

- **Communications Continuity:** Maintained critical communications services throughout earthquake and typhoon conditions during Exercise Resolute Dragon 2026.
- **Multinational Interoperability:** Managed multi-network connectivity (Starlink, MUOS, HF) for 680 clients and four nations during Exercise Southern Vanguard 2025.
- **Asset Management:** Ensured 100% accountability for tactical assets and managed BGP security for PakStar 451 packages to maintain secure long-haul routing.
- **Technical Instruction & Leadership:** Recognized as Airman of the Quarter for achieving a 100% pass rate for 22 Security+ students and certifying 7 Airmen on critical systems. Evaluated 3 promotion boards to assess leadership potential and ensure team advancement readiness. Administered drug and wellness checks for 100% of squadron members to ensure compliance.
- **Technical Proficiencies:** Experienced in Spanning Tree, Portfast, IP Addressing, VoIP, Cisco hardware, KG encryption, Hawkeye satellites, HF radios, VMware, RHEL, Iridium, NIPR/SIPR, and INTaaS.

Leidos / MCCOG - MCLB Albany, GA

Apr 2023 - Apr 2024

Network Operations Specialist

- **Optimized Enterprise Infrastructure:** Managed 2nd Network Bn assets and restored services for hundreds of users using Remedy ITSM.
- **Industrial Wireless Deployment:** Assisted installation of 25 industrial wireless portals/SASLs for MCPIC.
- **Power & Redundancy Overhaul:** Improved power distribution and centralized redundancy for 2,800+ users.
- **Network Hardening:** Enhanced security by pruning unused VLANs from trunk ports & applying STIGs.
- **Technical Proficiencies:** Skilled in Fiber optics, Ethernet, SFPs, TACACS, SecureCRT, Fluke Linkrunner, Toner probe, network hardware installations, Access Points, and Cisco IOS.

Certifications

CompTIA - **Cloud+**
 CompTIA - **Security+ (Sec+)**
 CompTIA - **Network+ (Net+)**
 CompTIA - **A+**
 CompTIA - **IT Fundamentals (ITF+)**
 AXELOS - **ITIL 4 Foundation**
 LPI - **Linux Essentials**

Cisco - **Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)**
 CompTIA - **CompTIA Secure Infrastructure Specialist (CSOS)**
 CompTIA - **CompTIA IT Operations Specialist (CSIS)**
 CompTIA - **CompTIA Secure Cloud Professional (CSCP)**
 CompTIA - **CompTIA Cloud Admin Professional (CCAP)**
 Google Cloud - **Generative AI Leader**
 Google - **IT Support Professional**

Education

Western Governors University: B.S. Degree in Cloud & Network Engineering	(Est. Grad Apr 2027)
Air University: ALS Airman Leadership School	(Mar 2025)
WGU Academy: IT Fundamentals, Network Communications Program	(Feb 2024)
MacDill Air Force Base: JCSE Joint Communications Support Element Standards	(Jun 2023)
Keesler Air Force Base: Cyberspace Fundamentals, Network Systems Operations	(Aug 2022)

Professional Trainings

Cisco Networking Academy:

- **Networking Devices and Initial Configuration** (22 hours), **Network Support and Security** (12 hours), **Network Addressing and Troubleshooting** (14 hours), **Networking** (22 hours), **Computer Hardware** (6 hours), **Operating Systems** (12 hours), **Internet of Things** (6 hours), **Linux Essentials** (70 hours)

Coursera:

- **Google IT Support Professional** (116 hours)