

Christopher J. Thompson

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Veterans Exploring Treatment Solutions (VETS) – March 2022 to Present – Director of Community Engagement

- Responsible for more implementing a digital community engagement platform for hundreds of Special Operations veterans and their spouses.
- Developed an online site with numerous resources following to facilitate healing post treatment.
- Facilitated several post treatment offerings both in person and virtual for grant recipients.

Team Red, White, & Blue – November 2013 to 2021 – Volunteer / Program Manager / Area Director

- Responsible for more than 450 volunteer leaders, 35 Chapters, and 40,000 members across seven states.
- Effectively served as the acting Regional Director for more than a year during a shortage of personnel.
- Planned and conducted 19 Eagle Leader Experiences (three day leadership experiences) for more than 500 volunteer leaders building confidence and effectiveness at the local levels.
- Previously served as a volunteer leader in the positions of Eagle Leader Fellow, Chapter Captain, and Veteran Outreach Director over a period of three years.
- Started the Bryan / College Station Chapter and assisted 10 other locations in becoming officially recognized Chapters.
- Built and developed Regional volunteer staff increasing overall success during a shortage of full-time staff.
- Facilitated a high rate of adoption of Salesforce across the Region and conducted data analysis to further accomplish the mission.
- Developed and implemented a new National enrichment event, Eagle Social Day.
- Managed more than 50 social media groups that facilitated thousands of in-person and virtual engagements amounts
- Managed a budget of just under \$200,000 annually without incident

GORUCK – July 2015 to Present – Event Cadre

- Planned, conducted, and led 59 events that totaled more than 2,000 participants under little to no supervision and guidance.
- Conducted team building through teaching, coaching, mentoring, and building rapport by imparting lessons learned in leadership and communication in challenging situations.
- Developed better leaders, better communicators, and better team members through physical events and non-physical seminars to thousands of people of diverse backgrounds.
- Individually developed numerous talking points and tasks for events in 14 different states and twice overseas.
- Successfully planned and led six Team RWB Ruck Camps in five different Regions.

SSU Inc – November 2009 to January 2013 - Contractor

- Trained, managed, and developed course material for more than 3000 personnel in support of the client. Personnel ranged from almost every branch of service to numerous Inter-Agency partners.
- Deployed for one of the busiest and most productive Special Mission Units (SMU), with one of the highest priority, and highest visibility missions.
- Routinely filled in as the Regional Cell leader during a shortage of personnel.
- Provided assessments that were included in the President of the United States Daily Brief (PDB) and resulted in the successful targeting of numerous priority targets.
- Conducted and led more than 60 targeting Video Tele-Conferences (VTC) with numerous agencies, organizations, and tactical military units to increase operational effect among enemy networks.
- Advised and assisted program manager on course material, training schedule, and day-to-day operations.
- Developed and built an entire training track that enhanced the capability of Special Operation Forces while deployed.
- Coordinated and advised Military and Inter-Agency partners across the globe on personnel movement and assignments.

United States Army – July 2000 to February 2010 –Mechanic / Infantryman / Special Forces (Green Beret) Engineer / Special Forces Green Beret) Intelligence Sergeant

- Conducted hundreds of direct action combat missions as a part of a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha (SFOD-A).
- Trained, outfitted, oversaw financial and logistical needs, and conducted numerous combat operations with over a 100-man indigenous force.
- Served as the primary instructor on Close Quarters Battle and Advanced Marksmanship for Special Forces Detachment.
- Trained more than 200 Tier One foreign Counter-Terrorism operators in Advanced Marksmanship and Close Quarters Battle.
- Served as the primary Range Safety Officer for all ranges including marksmanship and demolition.
- Maintained, and accounted for over \$3,000,000 of Special Operations equipment.
- Prepared and conducted numerous briefs for Senior Military leaders on the intelligence picture for their area to include threats, future targets, and current operations.
- Conducted lead coordination for Sensitive Site Exploitation on more than 20 combat operations.
- Managed the construction and conducted threat/ vulnerability assessment of 3 Special Forces Firebases.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Veteran's Voices – 2022 to present – Discussion Leader

- Selected and trained to be a discussion leader bringing veterans, military families, and members of the public together to read aloud from classical and contemporary literary texts about war, military service, and the return to civilian life.
- Coordinated with local veterans organizations to increase participation for events that explore how the texts relate to the participants' experiences and allow for meaningful reflection on combat and civic responsibility.

Student Veterans of America (SVA) – 2017 to present – President, member

- Planned, coordinated, and led weekly meetings.
- Developed a standard operating procedure for marketing and conducting SVA events and activities.
- Advised on matters affecting student veterans such as parking for our disabled student veterans.
- Facilitated the establishment of the Coalition of Veteran Supporting Student Organizations (CVSSO) bringing all student veteran organizations on campus together to coordinate and mutually support each other.
- Served as the Coalition for Brazos Valley Veterans Organization (CBVVO) liaison for the SVA during monthly meetings.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (TA) – 2021 – TA, Research

- Assisted with ALED 301: Personal Leadership which included: engaging students in learning, providing feedback to students through questions, conversations, and discussions online, grading assignments, serving as a mentor to students enrolled in the leadership course, and providing support to the instructor in regards to the content of the course.
- Assisted with research related to ALED 301 which included: organizing student data, analyzing student data, and writing for a conference paper.
- Assisted in a conference paper that was selected by the American Educational Research Association to be in the top 10 out of more than 10,000 submissions.

TAMU Consulting Club – 2020 – Member

- Contributed to numerous cases studies to further develop a consulting and problem-solving mindset.
- Shared past experiences to further develop students as they enter their professional careers

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Little League Baseball – 2017 to 2020 – Assistant Coach

- Served as an assistant coach for little league baseball for seven seasons.
- Assisted with drills and weekly practices.
- Promoted the values of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Team RWB Volunteer Leader – 2013 to present – President, member

- Served as a Veteran Outreach Director, Chapter Captain, and Eagle Leader Fellow
- Established the Bryan/College Station which still exists today

Religious Education – 2016 to 2017 – Assistant Instructor

- Assisted in educating youth about Christianity and helped them to develop their faith.
- Organized the classroom and course materials for each class.

Fundraising Events – 2015 to present – Organizer

- Was the recipient of a \$5,000 shopping spree at Academy Sports & Outdoors and donated that back to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation to assist Gold Star families. [Please view here.](#)

- Individually raised more than \$5,000 for Team RWB through local partnerships and events.
- Organized and assisted with conducting three clay shoots that netted more than \$80,000 for Team RWB.
- Assisted with the organization and execution of an annual golf tournament that raised more than \$30,000 for Team RWB from 2017 to 2019.

Hurricane Harvey – 2017 – Volunteer

- Organized and led small groups of volunteers to conduct water rescue operations resulting in more than 25 people being brought to safety.
- After the storm, returned to remove damaged items and components of five houses to prepare for mold treatment and reconstruction.

Search and Rescue – 2019 – Volunteer

- Assisted the Search Dog Network in training for the search of missing persons in and around the Brazos Valley.
- Assisted the International Rescue and Emergency Care Association during dozens of simulated technical rescues at TEEX to increase the operational effectiveness of rescue teams both nationally and internationally.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University - Expected graduation - May 2022

- Bachelor of Science in University Studies Leadership (USAL)
- Minors: Extension Education and Psychology
- Maintained a 4.0 from 2017 to present at Texas A&M

AWARDS

- Class of '80 E. King Gill Selfless Service Award
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Senior Merit Award
- Congressional Veteran Commendation
- Bronze Star Medal for Valor
- Bronze Star Medal (two)
- Combat Infantryman's Badge
- 2018 Eagle Up Award (Team RWB)
- Special Forces Tab
- Army Commendation Medal
- Eagle Scout
- Valorous Unit Award