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 **Professional Experience**

Years 27

**Education**

BS – Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Certifications**

* Leadership Pensacola (Class of 2000)
* Pensacola Leadership Academy (Class of 2003)

**Affiliations**

* American Association of Port Authorities
* Florida Ports Council
* State of Florida Seaport Security Committee
* American Association of Airport Executives
* Chairman, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce International Trade and Business Development Task Force
* City of Pensacola United Way Loaned Executive (1998)
* City of Pensacola United Way Campaign Chairman (2001)
* Suburban West Rotary
* Board of Directors, Northwest Florida Arts Council
* Board of Directors, Belmont Arts Center

**Experience**

As a proven and vastly experienced Global Logistician and Aviation and Maritime Executive, I have spent decades orchestrating the efficient movement of people, and a variety of goods via ship, plane, truck and train. I am familiar with the design, construction, operation and maintenance large aviation and maritime facilities, the associated infrastructure, and the related tenant functions. From operating passenger terminal concourses, to the structuring of leases for retail and dining tenants to tracking procedures and inventory systems I am a career professional Operations Executive. This, along with being experienced in all of the associated regulations and agencies; which sanction the operation of such facilities (Commercial Seaports, Commercial Airports, Truck terminals and Rail Yards).

Related experience required to perform in this capacity included managing Infrastructure Maintenance and Contract Maintenance Departments, the Embedded Security Departments, the Operations and Finance Departments, as well as the Regional and International Marketing functions.

Among my strong suits examining existing logistics chains, making recommendations on chain adjustments which are more efficient and cost beneficial. I am also skilled at conventionalizing new logistical solutions for clients which include the appropriate vehicles at the best total cost. This is a key aspect in my many past successes in attracting new business prospects.

Logistics Director, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Casino & Restaurant Biloxi. 2011 – Present.

Marketing Director for O and M Steel Fabricators LLC. Responsible for developing, maintaining and the execution of a nine million dollar Domestic and International Strategic Marketing Plan targeting affordable steel framed housing transported via truck and ocean freight.

2007 to 2011

Executive Director of the City of Pensacola commercial seaport. One of the 12 deep water seaports in the state of Florida. The facility spanned 50 acres and contained 400,000 square feet of covered warehouse space along with 10 tenant activities and a total workforce of 1300.

2005 to 2007

Deputy Director for Operations at the City of Pensacola commercial seaport. Responsible for the daily functions of all branches, divisions of the port staff all embedded tenant activities. Responsible for overseeing the safe and efficient of 5 Departments including Security, Maintenance, Docks, Operations, Harbor Master.

1998 to 2004

Operations Manager at Pensacola Regional Airport. Responsible for monitoring Flight Operations, Airline Schedules, Physical Security and Contractor Safety Standards as well as monitoring the activities of embedded tenants.

1997 to 1998

President, Walker Air Traffic Services Incorporated. A specialized services contracting company that provided aviation support services under federal contracts at five domestic airports including Fort Meyers, FL., Albany, GA., Lincoln, NE., Charlotte, NC.

1996 to 1997

United States Naval Officer (retired): Responsible for the training and performance of Air Traffic Control personnel according to FAA requirements in both control tower and Terminal Radar Air Traffic Control –TRACON- environments.

1976 to 1996

I am also a writer of various forms of creative literature and I collaborate with artists and photographers -worldwide- on a variety of styles of artistic images. I currently have 2 books in print and a third which will soon be published.

In Summary, I have worked as a public and private sector business professional, and he is a retired United States Naval Officer. I am a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

\*References and salary history may be made available upon request.