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May 2018: Graduated as Top Tactician (the WTI candidate that best represents the qualities expected of an IAMD WTI – hard work, professionalism, respect, balance, composure, highest level of knowledge, inspiring confidence, and a fascination with warfighting – as designated by instructors and staff) from the 17-week course of instruction through the Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center’s (SMWDC) Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Division.¹

He is from Simi Valley, California and was a star wrestler from Royal High School. He attended the US Naval Academy and graduated from Annapolis in 2013. Following that he served back-to-back assignments aboard the USS John S McCain, a guided missile destroyer. He was promoted to lieutenant in June of 2017 by the late Sen. John McCain.

¹ <https://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/nsmwdc/Pages/Deputy-Commander-Naval-Surface-Force-US-Pacific-Fleet-Recognizes-Fleets-Newest-WTI-Patch-Wearers.aspx>