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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a background spanning from federal compliance and aviation to OCONUS presentations for the Department of War (DoW). Proven ability to manage complex, end-to-end lifecycles for high-stakes federal engagements, translate rigorous technical requirements for government stakeholders, and lead cross-functional teams. Combines a deep interest in national security and defense technologies with first-hand knowledge of DoW capabilities and requirements, learned from on-site interactions with department leadership. Highly adaptable and ready to execute mission-critical deployments in dynamic OCONUS environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG, LLP | Washington, DC *Senior Federal Audit Associate* | August 2023 – Present

- Manage the end-to-end lifecycle for complex federal engagements, directing risk assessment, process execution, and final reporting.
- Drive stakeholder communication by serving as the primary liaison for agency management, translating intricate compliance requirements into actionable operational steps.
- Ensure strict adherence to federal regulations, including GAGAS (Yellow Book), USSGL standards, and OMB A-123 internal control frameworks.
- Utilize advanced data analytics (Alteryx, Power BI, IDEA) to identify anomalies, enhance risk assessment precision, and streamline operational efficiency.
- Mentor, supervise, and lead teams of junior associates, performing technical reviews to ensure elite quality control and mission success.

Kitty Hawk Kites, Inc. | Nags Head, NC *Hang Gliding Instructor* | March 2021 – July 2023

- Operated independently in high-pressure aviation environments, managing risk and maintaining absolute composure to ensure student safety.
- Evaluated real-time environmental threats and executed rapid, critical decision-making during flight operations.
- Tailored technical instruction to diverse individuals, building immediate trust and confidence in complex aerospace equipment.

University of Maryland, Men's Crew | College Park, MD *Treasurer* | December 2021 – August 2022

- Demonstrated ownership by spearheading a comprehensive financial overhaul, securing over \$50,000 in institutional funding from a baseline of zero within a single semester.
- Acted as a self-starter to independently build and justify a complex operating budget, anticipating annual incidentals, logistical expenses, and equipment requirements.

Konstantine's Greek Taverna | Highland, MD *Manager, Prep Cook & Server* | February 2019 – March 2021

- Managed operational logistics, inventory supply chains, and employee scheduling to meet high-volume daily requirements.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Active Security Clearance Level: Secret
- Certifications & Readiness: Washington, DC Certified Public Accountant (CPA); Extensive OCONUS travel experience (Kuwait, Germany, & Italy); First Aid/CPR/AED Certified; H3/P2 USPHA Certified Pilot & Instructor.
- Software & Data: Alteryx, Power BI, Microsoft Office Suite, C#, HTML, CSS.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Bachelor of Science, Accounting | Dean's List

Graduated May 2023

Carroll Community College | Westminster, MD

Associate of Arts, Psychology | Dean's List | Summa Cum Laude

Graduated May 2020

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Daytona Beach, FL

Coursework in Space Physics & Aerospace Engineering | 2018