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**WRITER / EDITOR / SPEECHWRITER:** superior communications to varied and broad audiences over nearly two decades

- Compose and edit from conception to publication, and after.
- Enrich stylistic maturity in consideration of target audience, vision, and objectives.
- Analyze and revise draft fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and scholarship for effect, accuracy, content, style, mechanics, structure, plot and pace.
- Assure correctness for selected convention: AP, Chicago, MLA, Bluebook (Legal), others.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE ~ WRITING, EDITING, SPEECHWRITING, LECTURING, RESEARCHING**

ClearanceJobs.Com ( <a href="http://www.clearancejobs.com">http://www.clearancejobs.com</a> )	2013 – present
Prestwick House, Inc., Clayton, Delaware ( <a href="http://www.prestwickhouse.com">http://www.prestwickhouse.com</a> )	2012 – present
University of Virginia School of Law (editing law text)	2011–2012
United States Government, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Korea, Central America	1990 –2011
Pentagon, Washington	2001–2003
Department of English, United States Military Academy	1995–1998, 2003–2006

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**SKILLS**

- Write, edit, publish across all genres – news, blogs, academic, legal, government, poetry, prose, op-ed, others.
- Compose, edits and presents technical operational guidance and strategies.
- Composes opening statements and written testimony for Congressional hearings.
- Serve as principal spokesman to senior national and international leaders and media.

**OF NOTE**

- Devised and delivered strategic communications campaign plan publicizing counterinsurgency strategy and operational guidance to U.S. national and international leadership
- Personally prepared principal and his remarks for more than 300 engagements with senior national and international leaders: composed opening statements and written testimony for congressional appearances and over 300 pieces of executive correspondence to congressional leadership, foreign counterparts, chiefs of industry, among other notables
- Orchestrated 15-month organization-wide communications and engagement strategy relevant to Afghan-Pakistani-US relations and policies that directed 300+ meetings with leaders of the US Department of State, Department of Defense, Congress; adapted engagement strategies to domestic opportunities and requirements
- Directed collegiate institution’s capstone writing course and pedagogy of 19 full professors, assistant professors, and instructors and over 2000 students
- Authored, co-wrote, and copy-edited innumerable strategy and policy papers

## **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia – *academic leave of absence, 2012*

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama – *Masters of Arts in English, 1995*

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE, Lexington, Virginia – *Bachelor of Arts in English, 1987*

## **Freelancing**

Advanced Placement in English Literature, materials with Prestwick House, Inc., Clayton, Delaware: novel tests for *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, *The Color of Water* by James McBride, *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, and others.

“Daily Intelligence,” daily at ClearanceJobs.com, Dice Holdings, Inc 12150 Meredith Drive, Urbandale, IA 50323, available at [www.ClearanceJobs.com](http://www.ClearanceJobs.com), daily

“Security Clearances and Employee Rights,” June 13, 2013, available at [www.ClearanceJobs.com](http://www.ClearanceJobs.com)

“Security Clearances, Blowing the Whistle, and Eligibility: What are the Risks?” June 7, 2013, available at [www.ClearanceJobs.com](http://www.ClearanceJobs.com)

“Who Decides Who Is Fit to Hold a Government Position,” June 4, 2013, available at [news.clearancejobs.com/2013/06/04/who-decides-if-an-employee-is-fit-to-hold-a-sensitive-government-position](http://news.clearancejobs.com/2013/06/04/who-decides-if-an-employee-is-fit-to-hold-a-sensitive-government-position)

“Acting Director Pushes for Big Changes in Federal Human Capital Management,” May 15, 2013, available at [www.ClearanceJobs.com](http://www.ClearanceJobs.com)

“Why People Spill Government Secrets,” May 17, 2013, available at [news.clearancejobs.com/2013/05/17/why-people-spill-government-secrets-from-ap-to-wikileaks](http://news.clearancejobs.com/2013/05/17/why-people-spill-government-secrets-from-ap-to-wikileaks)

## **Copy Writing and Editing for Congressional Audiences**

“The United States Army Posture Statement: The Army at War and Transforming, 2003,” edited by Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ledford, available at <http://www.army.mil/aps/2003/extras/pdfs/statement.pdf>

“A Statement on the Posture of the United States Army: Realizing The Army Vision – People, Readiness, Transformation,” edited by Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ledford, available at <http://www.army.mil/aps/02/>

## **Speeches and Press Conference Preparation**

IJC Commander, Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, Remarks at Regional Development Conference, Nov. 7, 2010, available at <http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/transcripts/lt.-gen.-david-m.-rodriguez-ijc-commander-remarks-at-regional-development-conference-nov.-7-2010.html>

Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez Statement on Security at the Kabul International Donor Conference, July 23, 2010, available at <http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/isaf-releases/statement-by-u.s.-army-lt.-gen.-david-m.-rodriguez-isaf-joint-command-commander.html>

DOD News Briefing with Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez from Afghanistan, July 7, 2010, transcript available at <http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/transcripts/dod-news-briefing-with-lt.-gen.-david-rodriguez-from-afghanistan.html>

Lt. Gen. David M. Rodriguez, Commander, ISAF Joint Command Remarks, Regional Command - East Transfer of Authority, June 14, 2010, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, available on request

Stripes interview with Lt. Gen. David M. Rodriguez, released December 31, 2009, available at <http://www.stripes.com/news/transcript-of-stripes-interview-with-lt-gen-david-m-rodriguez-1.97669>

Major General David M. Rodriguez, Outgoing Commander Remarks, Combined Joint Task Force – 82 Transfer of Authority to CJTF-101, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 10, 2008, available on request

Eisenhower Luncheon Remarks, 34th Chief of Staff of the Army, October 29, 2002, available at <http://www3.ousa.org/am2002.nsf/updatetues?openform>

Thayer Award Remarks, General Eric K. Shinseki, October 3, 2002, available at <http://www.westpointaog.org/page.aspx?pid=522&chid=187>

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## **Policy**

“Cross-Functional Team Staff Structure in the Afghanistan Counterinsurgency,” by Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ledford, and Lieutenant Colonel Mark E. Johnson; editing and photos by Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ledford, *Army Magazine*, June 2012

“Inception and Early Evolution of a Partnership Doctrine: Building Afghan Army Capacity while Fighting a Counterinsurgency,” by Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ledford, *Small Wars Journal*, August 2009

## **Opinion**

“What Effect Did the Taliban Attacks Have? None. Really, None,” by Ed Ledford and Stu Upton, *The Huffington Post World*, 25 May 2010

“Soldier to Poet: An Exchange,” Ed Ledford with Carol Muske-Dukes, *The Huffington Post Online*, Living, December 17, 2009

“Soldier to Poet: Part II,” Ed Ledford with Carol Muske-Dukes, *The Huffington Post Online*, Living, February 6, 2010

“Soldier to Poet: Naming of Parts,” Ed Ledford with Carol Muske-Dukes, *The Huffington Post Online*, Living, April 14, 2010

## **Editing**

*Agony in Violet: A Short Mystery of the Strange*, by Rick Wayne, Dreadful Café, 2013

*Habeas Corpus*, a legal theory textbook, by Professor Brandon Garrett, University of Virginia School of Law, publication anticipated fall 2013

*Be, Know, Do: Leadership The Army Way*, Introduction by Frances Hesselbein & Eric K. Shinseki, Josey-Bass, 2004

“Understanding and Addressing Counter-Insurgency Information Challenges through Bottom-up, Collaborative planning in the Future Operations Cross Functional Team, ISAF Joint Command,” written by Commander Ingrid Rader, US Navy; editing and photos by Ed Ledford, *Small Wars Journal*, July 2010

“The Combined Team: Partnered Operations in Afghanistan,” written by Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr. & Lieutenant Colonel David W. Pendall; editing and photos by Ed Ledford, *Small Wars Journal*, May 2010

“Back to Basics: Training Army Artillerymen to Grow Afghan National Army Artillerymen,” by Major Daryl L. Fullerton, US Army; edited by Ed Ledford, *US Army, Air Land Sea Bulletin*, Issue 2008-3, September 2008

## **Poetry**

“You go to war,” by Ed Ledford, in *The Huffington Post Online*, Living, April 14, 2010

“Pathogens injected Trojan-horse style,” by Ed Ledford, in *Crossing State Lines, an American Renga*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, March 2011

Contributing poet to Crossing State Lines Digital Video Disc, with Carol Muske-Dukes, Bob Holman, Mark Doty, Rita Dove, Jorie Graham, Robert Haas, Philip Levine, Adrienne Rich, Paul Simon, et al., available to view at [AmericaNowandHere.org/poets/](http://AmericaNowandHere.org/poets/) and [youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=2kIKWLER1rs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=2kIKWLER1rs), at 40:27.