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Who am I?

I AM

An honorably discharged veteran of the United States navy and Naval Reserves-trained and certified as an Operations Specialist assigned to serve in the OI Division (Operations Intelligence) 1984.

Tour of active duty included : Basic Training-Boot Camp in Orlando, Florida; Operations Naval Training Command School-Great Lakes, Illinois; assigned to serve on board the USS Point Defiance LSD-31 at the 32nd Street Base- San Diego, California (and approximately one year at the Willamette Shipyard in Portland, Oregon- overhaul base).

WESTPAC duty tour included: Honolulu-Pearl City, Hawaii; the Republic of the Philippines, Subic Bay; Japan (Yokohama, Yokuska, Sasabo, and Nagasaki); Hong Kong's Victoria Bay; Singapore; Thailand; Anchorage, Alaska and final debriefing discharge from Treasure Island-San Francisco.

Earned the prestigious "E" Ribbon for Battle Efficiency for war game training readiness operational exercises for Pacific 7th Fleet

I became the classified documents custodian for my ship, obtained and maintained a secret security clearance, with access to top secret materials/information- including IFF (Identification of Friends or Foes) procedures/systems.

Employment

Please review resume'

Education

Dunbar Elementary School, Northeast Junior High School and Sumner High School all located in Kansas City, Kansas.

Emporia State University, Emporia, course study Psychology

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-course study Journalism

U.S. Naval Training Command School, Operations Specialist/ Intelligence certificate of training 1978- Great Lakes, Illinois.

Inactive member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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Creative Consultant

Tries to take military training and experiences in naval operations specialist intelligence background and transfer those complicated basic standard operational navigation maneuvering procedures/process and apply –strategic/tactical outlays with necessary modifications to fit difficult, yet extraordinary neighborhood issues and causes.

EXAMPLE of major events includes: three Capitol Statehouse Rotunda Exhibits in which one, even included a fine performing arts tribute that went an entire week in Topeka-"Best of Black Artistry", in 1986. Pro bono critique shared by Ms. Irene Pasternak from Bernstein Rein and the Morgan Gallery's Ms. Myra Morgan. The event garnered UPI & AP newswire coverage because it cross- promoted a Gordon Parks exhibit that was simultaneously being displayed at Kansas Museum of History during that same time frame/ sought support to try, to raise more money to lease Topeka's (then new) Trolley, so attendees

and participants could have the option of enjoying both special events to celebrate Kansas 125th anniversary of statehood.

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.....Sub-contracted by Fleishman Hillard, Inc. "Buckle UP for Safety Campaign" Mr. Bob Inderman was the account representative for that project that was funded by the National Traffic Safety Now Foundation, Inc. in 1986-1987 from Detroit and Washington, D.C.

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.....Wrote the concept paper (proposal) to the former Chancellor of the University of Kansas to assist community efforts to convert the Quindaro Ruins/Underground Railroad to an Urban Archaeological Laboratory in 1990, that resulted in the goal of professional academic objective excellence from the Kansas City Design Center, that included Kansas State University 's Landscape Architecture School, the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the University of Kansas schools of Architecture and Urban Design. That was successful in-part of having a attended a grant writing workshop that re-enforced that it makes as much difference, as to whom a request is from, as much as, to whom the grant request is addressed to. Consequently the students design panel s have been displayed in Washington, D.C., Boston, Indianapolis, Topeka, St. Louis, and too many libraries/conferences throughout the greater Kansas City metroplex to try and inventory.

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.....Delegate to the First National People of Color Environmental Justice Summit in October 1991invited scholarship recipient from the United Church of Christ, the Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste, Inc. and the Ford Foundation in Washington, D.C.

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.....As an Unpaid, Un-Contracted, non-staffed, Non-Budgeted, un-compromised...Yet, very much so humbled by the privileged honor to be apart of one of the misunderstood NATIONAL REGISTER of HISTORIC PLACES official listings of the National Parks Service U.S. Interior Department's-that now include the tenacious sacred spaces of HOLY GROUNDS of the down under, Free port-of-entry , off the Missouri River -the QUINDARO Ruins/UNDERGROUND RAILROAD-Pompeii of Kansas.

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Chaired the former Mayor's Advisory Commission official ad hoc status task force on the Quindaro Ruins/Underground Railroad from 1993 to 1995, which was involved with the ISTE A grant application (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act), with the recruited assisted from the Kansas City Design Center (architecture schools from area universities).

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First regular resident to organize appeal to request the Kansas Wyandotte County legislative delegation come forward to support the other federal program about including the site, in the National Heritage Area, 2002-due to extensive communications with National Parks Service to keep residents involved with cultural heritage opportunities.

Independent Volunteer Researcher

Sought and still seeks co-operation and co-ordination towards preservation of the Quindaro Underground Railroad as a Race...Class... and Cultural tolerance sensitivity training center with university level educational excellence; underscored by neutral long term partnerships, with school districts and other interested parties.

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.....Waited 14.5 hours to testify before the National Republican Party's -Natural Resources and Domestic Issues policy platform committee hearings at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri in 1988, that aired on C-SPAN.

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Donated 43 cubic ft. of materials, minutes of meetings, protest signs, petitions, some photographs of the organizing movement/ struggle to the Western Historical Manuscript Collections at U.M.K.C., in July 1998.

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Training, instructions, directives, brain-trust recommendations mostly came from the Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste (a survivors group from the Love Canal), out of Arlington, Virginia- from May 1987 to September 2004, which assisted the facilitation outreach strategies and tactics toward recruitment, scheduling pro bono professionals, as well, as regular average everyday residents for HEARINGS in Topeka and at city hall, the courthouse, or/and/to too-multiples of town hall meetings, focus meetings, exhibits, "brain-storm sessions", receptions, even our community's first charette. Consensus building appeals at public libraries, seminars, inside churches, on street corners, conventions, museums, cemeteries and conferences.

Also targeted outreach towards government agencies and elected officials in parks-Schools (public and private) from nursery and pre-schools to internship programs to universities, to co-hosting a summer study program with the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1996 with K.U. Professors Dr. David Katz and Dr. Cheryl Lester that facilitated oral traditional history interviews, conducted by university professors from around the United States and several from Africa, China and South America. These oral traditional history interviews were then donated to the public library and a couple of community organizations.

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State Legislation=KS H 2097-Prohibition of waste disposal near water intake treatment systems
Federal Legislation=HR 2570-Underground Railroad Study by National Parks Service
=HR 1635-Establishing the North American Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trails a and Educational Programs

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Encouraged and supported former Presidential Executive Order 12898-February 1994 a call for action on and for Environmental Justice.

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"Prison Listening Tours", through St. Marks United Methodist Church's Prison Outreach Ministry, included visits to Jefferson City State Prison, Moberly State Prison and three visits to Leavenworth Federal Prison in 1994-95.

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.....Attended and was allowed to submit formal written TESTIMONY at/ to/ for the United States House of Representatives Energy and Natural Resources Sub-committee HEARINGS on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. regarding the North American Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Heritage Trail, July 1997.

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Selected by the National Parks Conservation Association, Inc. in Washington, D.C. to be trained on how to effectively communicate with persuasive techniques with congressional leadership and their staffs, January 1998.
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Curated an exhibit that was a component of the premier unveiling of the first national Civil War African American Memorial monument dedication ceremonies at the Prince Hall Temple in Washington, D.C., July 1998.

Media/Public Relations

Special events scheduler/planner at Student Activities Center at Temple University in Philadelphia , PA 1982.
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“Buckle UP for Safety”, through the National Traffic Safety Now Foundation, Inc. subcontracted by Fleishman-Hillard, Inc- Kansas City, MO 1987.
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Attended greater Kansas City Public Relations Society of America's workshops, training meetings from 1985 to 1987.
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Numerous articles published as a guest columnist in the Kansas City THE CALL newspaper from May 1987 to January 1992 with by-line that netted approximately 270 articles.
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.....Co-Organized/ Co-Founded/ Co-Operative of the QUINDARO RUINS/ Underground Railroad EXERCISE May 1987 to present, which established a Black Think Farm/ Think Tank-with no membership dues or membership list- Learning Equally together and reaching out with unique ways to decode complicated environmental laws/ regulations, policies, responsibility boundaries various levels of governmental jurisdictional purviews, all while searching for methods and POSSIBILITIES to preserve a sensitive and fragile culture and heritage of liberty-that many weren't at that time very concerned about.

Humbled by the privilege and honor to have so many of the press and media releases become covered by print and electronic broadcast journalism organizations, which enabled the community and public to simply have a say in policy, budget and cultural resource decisions.
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Former Co-Host on KKFI 90.1 fm on "Night Hawk Live Call-in Talk Show", a community radio station that ran from 1992 to 1995, only once a week from 12 midnight to 5 pm rotated between Sunday or Monday (not your ordinary prime time slot)
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Door to Door canvassing, petitions drives galore, as well, as Protest after Protest and news conferences as often as necessary to alert the communities about the social environmental and economic injustices, that threatened the Quindaro Ruins mid-1800's free-port- of-entry, with a toxic waste dump threat, that was defeated-legislation and litigation.

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J. Paul Getty Foundation scholarship recipient to attend a training workshop in November 1994 conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, selected as a Cultural Leader of the 21st Century', in Boston,

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Smithsonian Institution's co-sponsored workshop with the National Association for African American Heritage Preservation for the Future conference held at both the Madame C.J. Walker historic compound and the Indianapolis Convention Center, April 1995.

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.....The National Black United Front-Kansas City Chapter Kwanzaa December 1997- Charles Miller Liberation Award at a Kansas City, Kansas banquet hall.

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Accepted the "Time Well Spent Award" from UMMA, (United Minority Media Association), Kansas City, MO-January 1998.

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The Mid-America Multi-cultural Travel & Tourism Network's October 1998 Beacon of Freedom Award, presented in St. Louis sponsored by the Missouri Lottery.

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.....Panelist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency exhibitor and presenter Role in the community involvement", Crown Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Mo -May 1999.

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.....Who's WHO in Executives & Businesses Nationwide Register's-Honored Professional 2000 edition.

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Spring 2001 Preservation tile award from the Historic Kansas City Foundation, presented at the historic Loretta Academy hall in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Westport Historic Society's Quarterly dinner Meeting-at the Embassy Suites Hotel, February 2003-mixed media exhibit and guest speaker presentation.

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Certificate of Appreciation and given an electric blue coffee mug from the Social Security Administration as the Black History Month Speaker, after passing their a criminal background check requirement for and at the Richard Bolling U.S. Federal Building. The mixed media exhibit lasted an extra three weeks due to staff appreciation of the architecture design panels from the university students.

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Visitor Friendly decal from the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association-in January 2006.

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Also consider:

Kansas City Star Magazine 06 June 1999

<http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/kscoll/lochist/quindaro/quindaro.htm>

crm.cr.nps.gov/archive/21-4/21-4-11.pdf

www.umkc.edu/WHMCKC/Collections/built.htm-20k
