

WORK EXPERIENCE

Onebrief*Operations Manager, PACFLT***Honolulu, HI***Aug 2025 – Present*

- Manage the Pacific Fleet enterprise account contract valued at more than \$7 million, overseeing operational delivery, stakeholder engagement, and long-term customer success.
- Coordinate with operational planners, engineers, and senior military leadership to strengthen mission planning and decision-making across the Indo-Pacific theater. Serve as a liaison between operational users and software development teams, translating frontline feedback into product improvements and improved platform capability.

The Office of the Secretary of the Navy*White House Fellow***Washington, DC***Aug 2024 – Sept 2025*

- Advise the Secretary of the Navy on the strategic reactivation of two previously closed shipyards. Conduct comprehensive assessments identifying key opportunities to enhance fleet readiness over the next five years.
- Leverage recruitment data analytics to design targeted strategies, leading to a 10% increase in naval officer and enlisted enrollment targets, and addressing critical workforce shortages with data-driven solutions.
- Lead logistics and coordination for 15+ high-level domestic and international engagements, ensuring strategic alignment with U.S. defense objectives and partner priorities.

U.S. Navy Reserve, Indo-Pacific Command*Naval Intelligence Officer***Honolulu, HI***Aug 2022 – Present*

- Collect, analyze, and validate intelligence assessments to safeguard U.S. foreign policy objectives in the Asia-Pacific.
- Deliver strategic briefings to leadership on geopolitical developments and foreign influence operations, offering actionable insights on evolving challenges such as encroachment into Pacific Island nations.

Hawaii Green Growth*Director of External Affairs & Communications***Honolulu, HI***Jan 2023 – Aug 2024*

- Negotiated intergovernmental agreements with federal, state, trade associations, think tanks, and private sector stakeholders to facilitate data sharing and measure progress on sustainability initiatives.
- Led cross-border collaboration resulting in a data-sharing agreement between Palau, Panama, and Japan, expanding access to climate data and strengthening local and national implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Conducted external outreach to execute communication initiatives, collaborating with elected officials, community organizers, and the private sector to foster cross-sector coordination to achieve the SDGs.

The Hawaii State Legislature*State Representative – House District 50***Honolulu, HI***Nov 2020 – Nov 2022*

- Established the Youth Conservation Corps workforce development program, securing \$5M in funding to provide 2,000 job opportunities over four years, strengthening Hawaii's environment and green economy.
- Convened over 15 stakeholder meetings within six months to ensure consensus-building, leading to a shared vision that resolved a 20-year conflict over a controversial telescope project due to environmental concerns.
- Advocated for the needs of approximately ~37,000 constituents as an elected official; coordinated free COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, meal distributions, and delivered 4,000 masks, all with a minimal outreach budget.
- Used negotiation skills to secure \$10M+ in capital improvement funds for local schools, infrastructure, and community development projects, a significant impact for a Freshman Legislator.

Patrick Branco

The U.S. Department of State

Cultural Affairs Attaché – U.S. Embassy Caracas

Caracas, Venezuela

Sep 2018 - Jan 2020

- Managed and awarded multiple projects and 100+ grants, valued at \$5M, promoting economic stabilization, education, and democracy. Managed a \$3M staffing budget.
- Led an 18-member team through a full embassy evacuation during the Venezuelan presidential crisis, maintaining clear messaging and programming continuity while operating from Colombia.
- Developed and implemented counter-misinformation campaigns to combat state propaganda, leveraging media engagement and strategic communications.

Watch Officer – The Secretary of State’s Operations Center, Washington, DC

Jul 2017 - Aug 2018

- Coordinated task forces with over 15 federal agencies to provide a whole-of-government response to emerging threats which led to the successful and safe evacuation of over 2,000 U.S. citizens during the Hurricane Irma crisis.
- Provided high-level policy analysis and served as an escalation point in the Department’s 24-hour crisis management center, supporting the Secretary of State and senior leaders during diplomatic emergencies.

Special Assistant – Special Representative for Afghanistan & Pakistan, Washington, DC

Oct 2016 - Jul 2017

- Advised and drafted high-level policy briefings, memos and speeches for senior U.S. diplomatic leadership on Afghanistan and Pakistan policy matters.
- Coordinated communication across the White House and ~20 federal agencies. Led planning and execution of overseas diplomatic engagements for the Special Representative to negotiate directly with the Taliban.

Vice Consul - U.S. Embassy Islamabad

Oct 2015 - Oct 2016

- Implemented a tracking system for briefing memo templates and briefing book assembly for Embassy Leadership, managing car schedules, task and engagement tracking, and post-event debriefs and metrics.
- Supervised a team of 27 staff members to systematically tackle a backlog of 400 cases, resulting in the identification and reporting of more than 100+ fraudulent relationships, thereby strengthening visa integrity protocols.

Special Assistant to U.S. Ambassador - U.S. Embassy Bogotá

Jun 2014 - Oct 2015

- Spearheaded logistics for high-profile delegation visits, including the Vice President and Secretary of State, resulting in successful diplomatic engagements that increased collaboration with Colombian officials and regional allies.

Deputy Press Attaché - U.S. Embassy Bogotá

Sep 2012 - May 2014

- Cultivated bilateral relationships with over 20 local press agencies, resulting in an increase in positive coverage of U.S. initiatives through successful outreach programs reaching an audience of approximately 5 million residents.
- Developed crisis communication strategies for Washington and Embassy leadership during a high-stakes American hostage situation, resulting in the successful release within a critical 48-hour window.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Washington, DC

MA – International Relations

Hawaii Pacific University

Honolulu, HI

BA – International Relations & Political Science

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish - Intermediate, Korean and Hawaiian – Conversational