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| **EDUCATION .** | | |
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| 2008-present | **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRINCETON, NJ**  **Woodrow Wilson School for Public & International Affairs**   * PhD candidate (ABD), thesis on military innovation in war | |
| 2007-2009 | **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRINCETON, NJ**  **Woodrow Wilson School for Public & International Affairs**   * Master in Public Affairs (MPA), graduated with distinction in International Relations | |
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| 1988-1992 | **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, NY**  **Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering**   * Dean’s List, eight semesters; graduated 22 out of 930 cadets * Superintendent’s Award Recipient (top 5% in physical, academic and military excellence) | |
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| **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE .** | | |
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| 2013-present | **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, NY**  **Academy Professor & Director of the Defense and Strategic Studies Program / Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**  Responsible for curriculum development and assessment for undergraduate program including ten courses in the field of Defense and Strategic Studies and leader development and supervision of program professors and instructors. | |
| 2011-2012 | **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, NY**  **Assistant Professor & Director of the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) / Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**  Director of the nationally recognized CTC, chartered with a three pillar mission of research, policy advising, and education of cadets and various interagency elements; and assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences.   * Taught courses on Terrorism and Counterterrorism, International Relations, and Homeland Security & Defense * Deployed to Afghanistan in the summer of 2012 to support the 75th Ranger Regiment * Recognized as the Army’s Coach of the Year for 2011 | |
| 2009-2011 | **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, NY**  **Instructor & Executive Director of the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) / Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**  Executive director of the nationally recognized CTC, chartered with a three pillar mission of research, policy advising, and education of cadets and various interagency elements; and instructor in the Department of Social Sciences.   * Taught courses on American Politics, International Relations, Internal Conflict, and Homeland Security & Defense | |
| 2005-2007 | **UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND WASHINGTON, DC**  **Chief of Current Operations / Major, U.S. Army**  Responsible for planning, coordinating and executing operations world-wide with senior Department of Defense leaders, Department of State Bureau Chiefs, Ambassadors, and other government agency leaders.   * Directly responsible for the execution of numerous sensitive operations on four continents * Visited 25 Embassies and met with 25 Ambassadors and other country team members; discussed terrorist threats to their Embassy and host nation and developed plans to mitigate the threat and stabilize their country and region * Winner of the U.S. Army Best Ranger Competition as the Army’s top Ranger | |
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| 2000-2004 | **UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FORT BRAGG, NC**  **Special Forces Commander / Major, U.S. Army BOSNIA, IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN**  Led two elite teams of military experts responsible for advising foreign security forces world-wide and conducting a wide range of high-risk combat and non-combat operations; maintained sole discretion of a $750,000 budget.   * Conducted two deployments to Iraq: responsible for over 300 soldiers, executed over 100 combat operations, met government and tribal leaders on a daily basis to develop and implement strategies to create a stable environment * Conducted two deployments to Afghanistan: responsible for over 250 soldiers, executed over 200 combat operations, met government and tribal leaders to develop and implement strategies to stabilize regional areas * Commanded team in Bosnia responsible for conducting operations to ensure the successful implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords; developed and implemented U.S. policy in Bosnia with senior military and civilian leaders * Awarded 3 Bronze Star Medals for Meritorious Achievement during combat operations and two valorous awards for personal bravery during combat | |
| **Liam S. Collins**  **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE cont. .** | | |
| 1998-2000 | **1ST BATTALION, 10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP/GREEN BERETS STUTTGART, GERMANY**  **Special Forces Company Executive Officer / Captain, U.S. Army BOSNIA**  Responsible for the planning, training and employment of material readiness program for over $24M worth of equipment; maintained sole discretion of a $1.3M budget.   * Designed and purchased new tactical vehicles with a budget of $400,000; greatly enhanced unit’s capability * Planned and executed the unit’s ammunition program with an ammunition budget of $500,000 | |
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|  | **Special Forces Detachment Commander / Captain, U.S. Army**  Led two elite teams of military experts in advising foreign security forces throughout Europe, Southwest Asia and the former Soviet Union. Advised and trained foreign military units according to the joint goals of the host nation and its U.S. Ambassador. Maintained sole discretion of a $275,000 budget.   * Commanded a Special Operations team in Bosnia responsible for conducting sensitive operations to ensure the successful implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords in support of Operation JOINT FORGE * Planned and executed U.S. Special Operations training with Belgian and Dutch Special Forces; enhanced their capability to support peacekeeping and combat operations in support of the UN and NATO * Planned, resourced and conducted numerous combat operations during Operation ALLIED FORCE | |
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| 1993 - 1996 | **82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION FORT BRAGG, NC**  **Operations Officer / First Lieutenant, U.S. Army**  Responsible for planning, coordinating, and controlling all airborne and air assault operations for an airborne unit of 600 personnel and the transport and movement of 275 unit vehicles by land, sea and air.   * Executed 40 airborne operations using 100 aircraft resulting in the successful drop of over 4,000 paratroopers and 40 vehicles * Planned and supervised the construction of the Army’s first C-17 capable forward landing strip; a project involving 120 soldiers, 30 vehicles and a budget exceeding $500,000 | |
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|  | **Platoon Leader / Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army**  Responsible for the supervision, training and welfare of 30 personnel; supervised the maintenance of weapons, vehicles and night vision devices valued over $500,000.   * Planned missions to support Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, the U.S. mission in Haiti | |

**MILITARY EDUCATION**



* Command and General Staff College, 2005
* U.S. Military Free Fall Course, 2001
* Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance, Target Analysis, and Exploitation Techniques Course, 1999
* Special Forces Officer Qualification Course, 1998
* Infantry Officer Advanced Course, 1997
* Combined Arms & Services Staff School, 1997
* Basic Military Language Course (Russian), 1996
* Survival, Evasion, Resistance, & Escape Course, 1996
* Jumpmaster School, 1994
* Ranger School, 1993
* Engineer Officer Basic Course, 1993
* Airborne School, 1992
* Air Assault School, 1991
* Sapper Leader Course, 1990

**AWARDS & DECORATIONS**



* Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device
* Bronze Star Meal (2 awards)
* Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards)
* Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards)
* Joint Service Commendation Medal
* Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device
* Army Commendation Medal (3 awards)
* Army Achievement Medal (5 awards)
* Presidential Unit Citation Award
* Joint Meritorious Unit Award
* Army Superior Unit Award
* National Defense Service Medal (2 awards)
* Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
* Kosovo Campaign Medal
* Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with arrowhead device and 2 service stars)
* Iraq Campaign Medal (2 service stars)
* Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (with arrowhead device)
* Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
* Army Service Ribbon
* Overseas Service Ribbon
* Combat Infantryman’s Badge
* Special Forces Tab
* Ranger Tab
* Sapper Tab
* Military Free Fall Badge with Bronze Star
* Master Parachutist Badge & Air Assault Badge