

James "Jimmy" Anderson

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WORK EXPERIENCE**Special Assistant / Deputy WH Liaison at Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs** Feb 2021 - Present
Washington, D.C.

- Proposed and led the creation of a 16-member, VA-wide 120-day Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access (I-DEA) Task Force, crafted DE&I strategic plan (20 recommendations) to advance efforts over the next four years.
- Built 1-year/\$1.1M proposal and collaborated with VA program office to establish key partnership with Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) to conduct enterprise equity assessments, aligned with the Biden-Harris Administration's focus on advancing racial equity and evidence-based policymaking.
- Brokered 3-year/\$3.8M proposal for advisory support from a service-disabled Veteran owned small business (SDVOSB) to reduce VA's administrative burden stemming from Executive Orders and Memorandums.
- Mitigated VA-wide funding shortfall by collaborating with Veterans Benefits Administration to allocate additional \$2M to accomplish Debra Sampson Act's annual distribution policy, enabling greater access to +5.1M users.
- Aides Deputy Chief of Staff/WH Liaison to recruit, source, and interview candidates for VA political appointments, and interfaces with the WH Presidential Personnel Office to establish guidance and practices related to appointments.
- Advocated to retain 5 new political appointments; gained senior leadership approval on use case for first ever senior DE&I role; built/leads #Vets46 group to organize Veterans across the Biden-Harris Administration.

Staff Officer (Reserve) at Headquarters U.S. Air Force Apr 2021 - Present
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

- Aides the development of policy, guidance, and oversight for the Air Force's global Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance enterprise.
- Provides key support and advice for the development of future Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber effects' concepts and capabilities.

Senior Program Manager and Advisor (Active Duty) at U.S. Air Force Jul 2016 – Mar 2020
San Angelo, TX / Hampton, VA / Sumter, SC

- Executed customer request for \$18.5M Congressional appropriation to modernize sensor software package, led to 12% bottom-line growth and extended product life cycle by 3 years.
- Established C-suite's strategic planning team and revamped strategic partnerships with 11 intelligence customers, re-designed 4 customer request processes and increased product utilization rate by +25%.
- Designed multi-user process for federal partner (valued at \$100M), integrated model to assess customer feedback – projected service provider's 40% resource shortfall.
- Administered acquisition of \$32M proprietary information technology hardware from private sector partner, built 90-day delivery and implementation plan – reduced adverse aircraft events by 8%
- Managed \$200K team budget comprised of 12 DoD and industry personnel as an Air Force Intelligence Officer with a Top-Secret SCI clearance.

Risk Management Analyst (Active Duty and Reserve) at U.S. Air Force Jun 2009 – Jun 2015
Goldsboro, NC / Valdosta, GA / Kandahar, Afghanistan

- Launched analytical study for ~\$400M aircraft fleet to investigate 6% decrease in quarterly key performance indicator achievement, detected and advised on causal factors in site support process, presented findings that drove 9% increase in top-line business outcomes.
- Designed key performance indicator database to document aircraft flight mission data, which eliminated 15% of annual man-hours and repurposed manpower for 3 additional analytical projects.
- Fundraised over \$2K as President of professional organization at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan and key contributor to constructing honorary statue for fallen Airman.

EDUCATION**MA Political Studies, Queen's University (Canada)**

Aug (b)(6) – Nov (b)(6)

- Awarded U.S. Fulbright scholarship

MA International Relations, American University

Aug (b)(6) – Dec (b)(6)

BA Political Science (cum laude), University of South Carolina

Jan (b)(6) – May (b)(6)

FELLOWSHIPS / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Board of Governors (District 2), University of South Carolina Alumni Association, 2020-Present
- Center for a New American Security, Shawn Brimley Next Generation Fellowship, 2020
- Fulbright Alumni Ambassador, Institute of International Education – Fulbright Program, 2020
- Centre for International Defence and Policy, Visiting Fellow, 2018-2020
- Truman National Security Project, Defense Council, 2018
- Veterans in Global Leadership, Fellow, 2017
- Founder / Chair, University of South Carolina's Veterans Alumni Council, 2015-2017