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Honorable Ron DeSantis
PL-05, The Capitol
400 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor,

I would like to express my interest in the position of Executive Director for Veterans' Affairs. I am a Veteran and Major General in the United States Army, with 34 years of leadership experience and TS/SCI security clearance. I most recently served as the Director, Joint Improvised Threat Defeat Organization. I believe that my professional background makes me an ideal candidate for this opportunity.

As a person who thrives in high-pressure and fast-paced situations, I strive for positive results. I possess expertise in strategic planning, programing and budgeting, and an aptitude for optimizing performance and motivating colleagues. In any position, I can visualize success and identify innovative and effective strategies achieving positive results.

However, workplace objectives are rarely achieved without properly prioritizing life's goals and objectives. Family and faith are paramount in developing productive relationship, leading to inspiring strategies that achieve a competitive edge. Additionally, my decision-making and collaboration strengths have enabled my professional growth.

I have enclosed my resume for your review. I appreciate your time and consideration of my candidacy to become your new Executive Director for Veterans' Affairs.

Sincerely,

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STRATEGIC EXPERT

Innovative and strategic senior leader with impeccable character. Specializing in strategic planning and driving large scale organizations, nationally and internationally. Possess unique global perspective leading people and organizations within the US government and US Army with experience in Europe, the Middle East and Indo-Pacific region. Results focused executive with an exceptional record in anticipating and leading change and an unfaltering commitment to personal and professional excellence.

Experience

DIRECTOR, JOINT IMPROVISED THREAT DEFEAT ORGANIZATION

07/2018 – 09/2020 Fort Belvoir, VA

- Served as Major General responsible for material and non-material solution and analytical capabilities illuminating state rival use of improvised threats.
- Directly manage Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, overseeing annual appropriation \$350 M.

SENIOR ADVISOR TO AFGHANISTAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE

06/2017 – 06/2018 US Army, Afghanistan

- Served as Major General as the senior military advisor for Afghanistan defense strategy policy to include planning, programming and budgeting for Afghanistan National Defense Forces.

DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, 3D INFANTRY DIVISION/COMMANDER TRAIN, ADVISE, ASSIST COMMAND-EAST AFGHANISTAN

06/2014 – 10/2015 Hunter Army Airfield, GA and US Army, Afghanistan

- Served as Brigadier General responsible for training and logistical support to Afghanistan security forces.
- Responsible for 10,000 US and coalition personal.
- Directly managed operating and maintenance appropriation \$500 M

CHIEF, UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY AND COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL

06/2013 – 06/2014 Fort Sill, OK

- Served as Brigadier General responsible for the US Army Field Artillery School and US Army Field Artillery.
- Responsible for doctrine, leadership development, training development, and academic development and standards.
- Responsible for future artillery combat systems, tactical and operations strategy, and employment.
- Directly managed Deputy Commandant and Chief of Staff
- Oversaw instruction for over 32,000 personnel and annual operating budget \$14 M.

CHIEF OF STAFF, COALITION JOINT TASK FORCE 82/82D AIRBORNE DIVISION

06/2009 – 03/2011 US Army, Afghanistan and Fort Bragg, NC

-Directed a Unified Coalition Joint Task Force headquarters staff comprising of 1000 military and interagency personnel during the surge in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

Master of Arts, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Master's in strategic studies, US Army War College, Carlisle, PA