

## DAINIS A. BUTNERS

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A skilled problem-solver who has led teams and organizations across a variety of landscapes and settings to overcome multi-faceted challenges in order to achieve critical objectives for project sponsors & stakeholders.

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### EDUCATION

#### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Washington, D.C.

Masters of Business Administration: McDonough School of Business

May 2018

Master of Science in Foreign Service: Walsh School of Foreign Service

- Graduate Certificate in Eurasian, Russian, and Eastern European Studies with focus on U.S.-Russia Relations

#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, School of Mining

Rolla, MO

Master of Science, Explosives Engineering

August 2015

- Graduate Certificate in Military Construction Management

#### UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

West Point, NY

Bachelor of Science, Economics

May 2009

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### EXPERIENCE

#### AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AMCHAM) IN LATVIA

Rīga, Latvia

*Business Development Associate*

May 2017 – August 2017

- **Country Analysis:** Supervised and led an in-depth country analysis for the business environment and investment climate of the Baltic Sea region in order to advise on political risk, underlying trends & economic factors, and the future of E.U.-US relations to the 140 members of AmCham ranging from corporate entities to individual investors.
- **International Trade:** Directly supported the Executive Team of AmCham to enable the successful renewal of the Latvian American Chamber of Commerce and identify growth opportunities in U.S.-Latvian bilateral trade.

#### TECHNOLOGY START-UP “gARgoyleH4D”

Washington D.C.

*Co-Founder*

January 2017 – May 2017

- **Lean-Startup Development:** Co-founded a five person team to assist the development & procurement of new and emerging technologies the J8 Special Programs division within the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization.
- **Technology Development:** Successfully developed the initial technical survey of augmented reality and facial recognition technology with stakeholder requirements, culminating a 13-week project into technical deliverables.
- **Project Delivery:** Successfully tested the initial product specifications and implemented changes on behalf of the project sponsor that resulted in budgetary savings of over \$1.3M in project costs over the next 5 years.

#### OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC)

Washington D.C.

*Structured Finance Intern*

January 2016 – September 2016

- **Project Finance:** Successfully worked with the project team, sponsors, and stakeholders to secure a \$250M OPIC Direct Loan & Investment Guaranty for the 158 MW Taiba Ndiaye Wind Farm in Senegal as part of President Obama’s *Power Africa Initiative* and the single largest U.S. investment into renewable energy within the country.
- **Project Engineering:** Directed the project engineering analysis in order to select the Independent Engineer responsible for auditing the technical specifications and economic feasibility of the Taiba Ndiaye Wind Farm.
- **Engineering Cost Estimates:** Worked with Denmark’s Eksport Kredit Fonden (EKF) and Danish Company Vestas Wind Systems A/S in order to underwrite the project financing as well as Engineering, Procurement and Construction requirements for independent technical inspection, feasibility studies, and environmental impacts.

#### PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (EBA)

Washington D.C.

*Student Organization for Trans-Atlantic Opportunities in Business and Policy*

November 2015 – December 2017

- **International Business Consulting:** Successfully led project team to deliver strategic analysis of President Trump’s American Infrastructure Initiative of \$1.5Trillion to Abertis Infraestructuras, S.A. that greatly improved the company’s infrastructure asset management for a portfolio of over 5,000 miles of managed roadway systems.
- **Event Planning:** Coordinated, funded, and presented “Lessons from the Bank of Latvia” and successfully hosted Governor Ilmārs Rimšēvičs, Bank of Latvia Governor, to present lessons learned from the 2008 Latvian Financial Crisis and implications for future Eurozone Monetary Policy.
- **New & Emerging Business Models:** Organized and led project team to participate in the 2015 Corporate Knights “Business for a Better World Case Competition” to develop a new investment methodology for Norges Bank’s Government Pension Fund Global as a result of the Paris COP21 Global Climate Change Negotiations.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)**  
**Operations Officer, GS-0089-13, Rank/Grade: MAJ/O4**

**Washington D.C.**  
*July 2015 – Present*

*Supporting the USACE Operations Center in contingency planning, emergency response, and interagency coordination*

- **Interagency Communication:** Developed updated protocols to manage USACE event historical information, and conducted inter-agency communications with the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, and to capture critical metrics and lessons learned for future engagements.
- **Emergency Response:** Successfully contributed to USACE's active emergency response and contingency actions for National Emergencies, including Hurricane Matthew, Winter Storm Grayson, and Mississippi River Flooding.
- **Civil-Military Relations:** Successfully participated in the Veteran Military Athletic Guidance (VET MAG) Program at Georgetown University that mentored student athletes on performance, teamwork, and camaraderie as well as to help students learn about the U.S. military, the military veteran experience, and civil-military relations.

**INTERNATIONAL ARMY PROGRAM DIVISION**  
**Multinational Engineer Specialist, GS-0301-13, Rank/Grade: MAJ/O4**

**Ft. Leonard Wood, MO**  
*July 2013 – March 2015*

*Worked as Liaison between U.S. Army Engineer School and NATO Military Engineering Center of Excellence*

- **Foreign Affairs / Strategic Planning:** Served as the Joint Engineer Specialist and Multinational Representative for the United States Army Engineer School for doctrine development, standardization programs, technical data exchange, and policy recommendations for the NATO Military Engineering Center of Excellence.
- **Doctrine & Standards Development:** Planned, organized, and conducted the audit review of the NATO tactical publication for route clearance which mitigates explosive hazards, streamlining operational processes, and ensuring safety for organizational personnel.
- **Subject Matter Expertise:** Successfully represented the U.S. Army at three NATO Conferences in Germany & Spain and was recognized as a subject matter expert on U.S. Position for the Ottawa Anti-Landmine Treaty and U.N. Convention of Certain Weapons Protocols.

**B COMPANY, 554<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER BATTALION**  
**Instructor/Writer, Small Group Leader**

**Ft. Leonard Wood, MO**  
*September 2012 – June 2013*

*Served as Instructor and Small Group Leader for the Basic Officer Leadership Course at U.S. Army Engineer School.*

- **Training Management:** Instructed and mentored over 585 U.S. Army and International military officers, in principles of Army profession, command and leadership, and competencies of military engineering.
- **Technical Expertise:** Trained and instructed over 260 U.S. Army and International military officers in horizontal construction, equipment production rates, demolitions & explosives, project management, and tactical leadership.
- **Program Management:** Successfully planned, and evaluated nine iterations of classroom instruction periods for leadership, physical fitness, discipline, and professional stewardship that resulted in successful re-accreditation of company's program.

**2<sup>ND</sup> BSTB, 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION (AASLT)**  
**Frontline Supervisor / Task Force Engineer / Staff Officer**

**Ft. Campbell, KY**  
*April 2010 – August 2012*

*Served in Engineer capacities while posted at home station and deployed overseas in support of NATO Operations.*

- **Organizational Leadership:** Supervised, managed, and maintained over \$1.5M in equipment, weapons, and vehicles as well as welfare, training, and administrative needs of over 30 personnel as frontline supervisor.
- **Construction Management:** Directed the construction of additional physical security measures, water drainage systems, and road networks for \$5M operations base in an austere environment.
- **Requirements Planning:** Planned and staffed \$245K three-month technical training program for 98 military engineers in order to meet organizational training objectives and personnel readiness.

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***DISTINCTIONS***

**Certification:** Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification  
**Awards:** Steel Order of the DeFluery Medal for Honorable Service in the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment  
**Volunteering:** McDonough Community Fellow for over 100 hours of community service for pro-bono service.  
**Global Mindset:** VSFS Intern with Foreign Service Institute; Latvian (Fluent - ILR Rating 5); Russian (Novice)  
**Affiliations:** Project Management Institute; Veterans in Global Leadership Fellow; American Chamber of Commerce in Latvia; Latvian American Chamber of Commerce in the United States; Member of the Professionals in Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Affairs (PREEA).