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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Certified multi-lingual with over four years of linguistic. Experience in the U.S. Army with expertise in **Arabic Gulf,** **Levant, Egyptian and Yemeni**. International experience as cultural adviser who possesses broad knowledge of history and politics of Middle-Eastern countries. Knowledgeable and experience in military operations, protocols, tactics and techniques. Proficient in simultaneous interpretation for executive level meetings, conferences and training events. Proven performance at translating military intelligence reports, technical manuals, and training material while ensuring clarity and grammatical accuracy. Understand context and nuances of various Arabic gulf, Arabic Modern stander and Levant dialects, to provide regional, cultural and analytical expertise used to improve security and reduce threats.

**CLEARANCE & AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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| * **Top Secret**   **Clearance/SCI/Poly** | * Leadership | * Stress Management |
| * Transcription | * Management | * Excellent Communicator |
| * Public Speaking Skills | * Language Instructor | * Open-Source Research |
| * Interrogation Technique * Investigation. | * Observer, Controller * Trainer | * Reporting / Briefing |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**CWU, INC Dec 2020- Present**

* Translate Classified and non- Classified materials verbatim.
* Verbal interpretation from English to Arabic language.
* Writing and analyzing classified reports.
* Translating transcribed letters from Arabic language to English and English to Arabic.

**U.S. Army, Enlisted Combat Linguist Nov 2014- Jan 2020**

* Lead team of eight section supervisor and team leader, ensuring the welfare, health, morale emotional well-being, and professional development.
* Translated over 1200 pages of technical manuals, intelligence reports, and training material.
* Oversaw junior linguists’ translated material, ensuring clear and accurate content, and maintained quality control for all translations used for the entire project.
* Provided cultural advice and translation/interpretation support to Rotational Training/Deploying units at National Training Center, Fort Irwin on more than 20 training rotations.
* Provided linguistic and cultural support to Special Operations Forces teams during the unconventional warfare training exercises.
* Maintained 100% accountability of 10 soldiers and military equipment valued in excess of $500K and during multiple National training center rotations.
* Assisted military linguist personnel in maintaining their language capabilities by conducting training and annual language tests and reported the status of language training and readiness to the unit’s commander.

**EDUCATION & MILITARY TRAINING**

* **Associate of Arts and Humanities,** *Barstow College*, CA
* U.S. Defense Language Institute (DLI) ***3/3 – Level of Proficiency in Arabic, Gulf***

***3+ / 3+ Level of Proficiency in Yemeni and Levant***

* Advance Leader Course Fort, Huachuca, AZ
* Basic Leadership Development Course, Camp Parks, CA
* Advanced Translation / Interpretation Course, Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Huachuca, AZ
* Basic Skills Course (Army Basic Combat Training) Fort Jackson, SC

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

* Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention.
* Intermediate Search / Tactical Site Exploitation.
* Risk Management / Employment Safety Training.
* Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (***CBRN***).
* Operation Security Training.
* Personnel Recovery.
* Resistance and Escape Fundamentals ***SERE 103.***
* Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (**TARP**).
* Anti-Terrorism Training.
* Hazmat Familiarization.
* Information Security.
* Combative Training.

**AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS**

* **Army Commendation Medal** (02/08/2016-07/07/2016): “For exceptionally achievement as the 2nd Armored Combat brigade, Specialist Azza assisted Sliver line Company in cultural understanding and flawless interpretations during Key Leader Engagements in Spartan Shield Operation.”
* **Army Achievement Medal** (06/01/2016-11/04/2016): “For outstanding achievement as Command Language Program Manager, Specialist Azza ensured that all Soldiers received approval entitlements for language proficiency. Additionally, he worked tirelessly to ensure all deficiencies and finance issues were solved in a timely manner.”
* **Army Commendation Medal** (06/06/2017-06/16/2018): “For meritorious service while serving as a Linguist for the 51st Translator and Interpreter Company, Specialist Azza displayed a high-level of bi-lingual proficiencies.”
* **Army Good Conduct Medal** (11/14/2014-11/14/2017): “For exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.”
* **Certificate of Achievement** (Presented on Oct 25th, 2017): “For meritorious achievement for his support during decisive action rotation 16-06. Specialist Azza commitment to excellence, selfless service, and dedication to duty were essential to the success of the Regimental Support Squadron (RSS), 11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment.”