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## Looking for a position in the camera department.

**OVERVIEW:** A professional filmmaker with a combined 7+ years' experience in diverse positions, creating and producing premium content that fits the client's vision and budget. Experienced in multicultural environment using diversity as a tool for integration and mission accomplishment.

## KEY SKILLS

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| ▪ Proficient in Final Cut Pro       | ▪ Experienced Director of Photography | ▪ Sound Design     |
| ▪ Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro  | ▪ Experienced Steadicam Operator      | ▪ Secret Clearance |
| ▪ Proficient in Avid Media Composer | ▪ Experienced Camera Operator         | ▪ Bilingual        |
| ▪ Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro  | ▪ Experienced Editor/Colorist         | ▪ Screenwriter     |

## EXPERIENCE

### 2014 – Present: Chief Creative Officer | No'less 819 Studios LTD | The No'less Group LLC

- Responsible for planning production meetings, budgeting, crew hiring, talent sourcing, and overall management of the different phases of production.
- Created and successfully produced a 41-part-television series “Zauren Musika” for Africa Magic Hausa, an MNET South Africa Company.
- Created and successfully produced “Spotlight”, an English lifestyle television series for PRTV, Jos Nigeria.
- Produced, directed and edited a 10-part documentary series about the after math of Boko Haram attacks titled “Borno Recovery” for Arewa24, an Equal Access Company.
- A professional Steadicam operator for several clients including “Dance USA Dance” Atlanta.
- Director of Photography for “Choosing Chastity” a web mini-series currently in production.
- Oversee production budgets and adequately allocates resources to meet production needs.
- Handles client relations, marketing and distribution negotiations for all in-house productions, while doing the same for commissioned jobs.

### 2015 – 2016: Planner, Project Manager, Advisor | Assistant Operations Officer | U.S Army

- Assistant operations manager for 900+ person organization
- Planned, coordinated, synchronized and supervised all operations, training, and events for the organization.
- Planner and project manager for a 900+ person organization. Planned operations and supervised critical projects.

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- Managed and allocated resources to enable subordinate to accomplish their daily trainings and duties.

### **2014 -2015: Planner, Duty Officer, Operations Manager | Brigade Assistant Current Operations Officer | U.S Army**

- Coordinated with top level management in collecting, managing reports and status of units going through reforms and termination process to meet congress' objective and Presidential mandate of force reconstruction.
- Duty Officer for a 1900+ person organization. Managed the organizations operations center and coordinated among the various functional areas to receive, distribute, and analyze data traffic, communications, geographic locations and contingency operations in the pacific realm.
- Responsible for Collecting and preparing accurate reports on personnel, equipment and operations for an organization of 1900+ personnel and reported to higher headquarters. (Pentagon)

### **2013 – 2014: Planner, Project manager, Advisor | Battalion Assistant Operations Officer | U.S Army**

- Planner and project manager for a 691+ person organization. Planned operations and supervised critical projects in the Pacific Rim.
- Duty Officer for a 691+ person organization. Managed the organizations operations center and coordinated among the various functional areas to receive, distribute, and analyze data traffic, communications, geographic locations and contingency operations during a multi nation joint operations.
- Planned and conducted Cross training for 200+ personnel on skills needed for specific missions
- Accountable for planning and coordinating Engineer personnel and resources for missions and training requirements for an organization of 691+ personnel.
- Managed Organization facilities valued at USD\$50 million, including planning safety drills and evacuation procedure for a 691+ personnel.
- Organized and implemented logistics for housing 691+ personnel during several multi-platform training exercises.
- Advised management on engineer processes and additional personnel needed to accomplish missions; and coordinated the implementation and resourcing of the processes and additional personnel.
- Accountable for planning and constructing a defense perimeter, building a 3000 meter obstacles and 300-meter anti-tank ditch which led to the success of unit's mission.

### **2011 – 2013: Planner, Project Manager, Junior Operations Officer | Platoon Leader | U.S Army**

- Trained, deployed and lead a 30+ personnel in a conflict environment
- Planned, implemented and managed hasty constructions of helicopter landing zones, operating bases and road projects valued at USD\$3.7 million in a conflict environment, while moving

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10,000 cubic yards of dirt in the process with limited personnel and resources in a physically restricted area.

- Advised top level leadership on the deployment and use of safety apparatus against insurgence in conflict environment.
- Accountable for 30+ personnel, and accounted for, maintained and serviced 24 tactical vehicles and equipment valued at USD\$25 million in the continental United States and overseas.
- Increased personnel physical productivity by 30%
- Accountable for organizing and transporting organizational equipment valued at USD\$250 million to and from theater of operations.
- Logistics Manager and Human resource manager for a 30+ person organization.
- Planned, coordinated, and transported ammunition and supplies to forward units scoring a redistribution success.

### **CIVILIAN EDUCATION**

- Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL – DCBS (2019)
- University of Mary, Bismarck, ND – MBA (9 Credit hours)
- University of Maiduguri, Borno, Nigeria – BA English Literature

### **MILITARY TRAINING**

- U.S Army Engineer Basic Officer Leader Course
- U.S Army Officer Candidate School
- Code of Conduct Training
- Contracting Overview