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Motivated and dedicated to following the constitution as intended by our Founding Fathers with a heavy anti-federalist bias.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Allendale

Skyline Fall Protection - Allendale, MI

October 2018 to Present

- I joined Skyline Fall Protection as a design engineer and project manager. I have worked with several state and federal level government entities to complete projects. I design custom products to fit the customers needs for OSHA compliant fall protection. This often requires using Solidworks design simulations, working with third party engineers, and submitting as built documentation to the end user or customer.
- In 2019 I began scheduling with our field technicians and shop fabrication, ordering materials, maintaining inventory, and new hires for the team. Often I will visit customers for site verification and manage more complex projects in the field.
- In 2020 I moved up to operations manager and assist in company goals, mission objectives, and team leading.

Operations Director

Rapidtek LLC - Jenison, MI

October 2000 to October 2018

I was hired in the company to perform basic machine building and fabrication of parts. I rapidly moved into designing custom machinery and modification of current products. I took on additional responsibilities and roles as need and/or presented to me without hesitation. I am currently directing the production, inventory, and purchasing of nearly all aspects of the company. My roles include CNC operator and programmer, manual machining with various shop tools such as Bridgeport knee mills and turret lathes. I manage inventory for all product lines produced in our shop and can run ERP software. I design custom machines and tools using Solidworks and AutoCAD LT. I source vendors for outsourced work as well as coordinate logistics of material transfers and quality control. Other skills include basic electric design and troubleshooting of machines operating with circuit boards, motor controls, PLCs, and VF drives. I have knowledge of pneumatic and hydraulic systems, and also Microsoft Office software and Excel. I am highly skilled in improving product quality while making the design easier to manufacture at a lower cost. I also have several years of experience with designing top down concept designs in Solidworks. I am very self motivated and will complete a project from start to finish using my own skills and knowledge or ask the right questions and seek help when needed.

Food Service Worker

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS - Various Locations - Jacksonville, NC
January 1996 to July 1999

During my enlistment progress, I scored at the time a record high quantitative score on the ASVAB test. I worked as a basic galley cook for 6 months. I was meritoriously promoted in boot camp and again about 1 year later becoming the youngest non commissioned officer in my battalion. I moved into managing the store room and then subsistence inventory management. While deployed, I was the personal chef for the units Commanding Officer. During this time, I personally managed a galley feeding up to 20 individuals per meal, including foreign dignitaries and national celebrities. I also was awarded a letter of commendation for service while deployed. When my enlistment was up, I passed testing to enter the Intelligence/Surveillance field but decided to end my career in the Corps.

Education

High school or equivalent in Basics of Electricity

Grand Rapids Community College - Grand Rapids, MI
October 2000 to January 2001

Food Service

United States Marine Corp - Petersburg, VA
October 1995 to January 1996

Byron Center High School
September 1991 to June 1995

Solidworks

Dasi Solutions - Grand Rapids, MI

Skills

- Microsoft Office (10+ years)
- Solidworks (5 years)
- Autocad (6 years)
- CNC Programmer and Operator (10+ years)
- Welding (9 years)
- Machine Design (10+ years)
- Inventory Management (10+ years)
- Management (10+ years)
- Hydraulics (8 years)
- Pneumatics (10+ years)
- ERP Systems (3 years)

Military Service

Branch: United States Marine Corps

Service Country: United States

Rank: Corporal

June 1995 to July 1999

Worked in food service in food preparation, menu planning, stock room inventory management, and personal chef serving upper level officers and foreign dignitaries.

Commendations:

Meritoriously promoted to Private First Class and again to Corporal.

Two Meritorious Mast Certificates

Naval Service Commendation

Certifications and Licenses

Solidworks-Essentials

August 2016 to Present

Basic introduction to Dassault Systemes Solidworks 3D modeling Software. 5-day class to cover basic part modeling, creating file ladders, drawings, and assemblies. Class required an end of course evaluation to pass. Presented by licensed Solidworks reseller.

Solidworks-Advanced Modeling

May 2016 to Present

5 day course covering Solidworks advanced modeling techniques, configurations, file management, and introduction into simulations. Class required an end of course evaluation to pass. Presented by licensed Solidworks reseller.

Solidworks-Weldments

April 2017 to Present

2-Day basic introduction in Solidworks weldments. The class covered the basics in importing structural steel profiles, creating sketched frames, converting sketches to welded, bolted, fabricated frames, and creating configurations using different structural steel profiles. Class required an end of course evaluation to pass. Presented by licensed Solidworks reseller.

Groups

The Gideon 300

August 2023 to Present

The Gideon 300 group is a social welfare 501(c)(4) organization being created to "inform and promote knowledge for liberty and livelihood." In September I was nominated and elected to be the group's clerk.

Precinct Delegate

August 2022 to Present

- Elected in District 6 Georgetown Township Precinct 9 in the August 2022 primary.
- Attended the 2022 and 2023 state conventions as an alternate delegate.
- Attended the JD Glaser Delegate/Robert's Rules Seminar.
- Joined the OCGOP accountability sub-committee and currently servicing as Vice-Chair.

Convention of States

October 2021 to Present

- Organized a parade float for COS for the Jenison Memorial Day parade in 2022.
- Volunteered to man their info booths at several Michigan gun shows.