

# Sam Muska

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## PROFILE

Experienced Marine Infantryman with a B.A. in Political Science and currently pursuing an M.A. in Public and International Affairs, seeking an early career analyst role. Served as a Team Leader, Squad Leader, Company Level Intelligence Cell (CLIC) Marine, Tactical Site Exploitation (TSE) Marine, and basic drone operator. Astute researcher and writer with continued academic success. Proficient in Russian at a limited working proficiency. Interested in building a career within the intelligence or foreign policy fields. Aiming to move into a leadership role as career progresses. Scheduled to commission into the Army Reserves as a Military Intelligence Officer in 2025 to continue serving and enhance analytical skills. Currently resides in Christiansburg, VA, with his wife and two children.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **2023-Present: Army ROTC and Graduate School**

- **2019-2023: Undergraduate Years**

- Held numerous jobs during undergraduate studies to ensure a diversified and well rounded work experience.

- Jobs held were typically within the construction or warehouse industries, including carpet installer, concrete laborer, warehouse worker, janitor and landscape laborer.

- Jobs held in other industries included car salesman, Uber driver, and waiter.

- **2015-2019: United States Marine Infantryman**

- Achieved the rank of E-4 (Corporal) and exited active duty with an honorable discharge. Held billets of team leader, squad leader, CLIC, TSE and drone operator.

- Successfully led Marines in jungle, mountain, urban, and desert warfare training. Deployed twice to PACOM with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

- Was given both a meritorious promotion (promoted ahead of peers) and a meritorious mast for exceptional performance while serving as team leader and squad leader with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, Golf Company, 1st platoon.

## FORMAL EDUCATION

- 2023-Present: M.A. Public and International Affairs. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Graduation Spring 2025.

- Research Emphasis Spring 2024: Russian Relations with Post Soviet States; Russian Geopolitics of the 1990s; Russian Relations in the Caucasus

- Research Emphasis Fall 2023: China's Belt and Road Initiative; Rational Actor Theory Analysis based upon Mearsheimer's Five Assumptions

• 2021-2023: B.A. Political Science. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC).

-Senior Capstone (Thesis): "Dangers of Democratic Peace Theory."

-Deans List Fall 2023/Spring 2024.

2019-2021: A.A. Liberal Arts and Sciences. Lake Superior College.

2011-2015: H.S. Diploma. Shell Lake High School.

### **Academic Certificates**

• Undergraduate Certificate in Global History (UWEC)

### **SKILLS**

• Secret Security Clearance

• Limited Working Proficiency- Russian Language (speaking, reading, writing)

• Detailed Researcher

• Proven Military Leadership

• CLIC, TSE and basic drone operator

### **REFERENCES**

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