CAITLIN RUSSELL

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

May 2025 Chapel Hill, NC USA

Bachelors, Journalism and Media

GPA: 3.75

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

July 2022

Associates, Business Administration

Manchester, NH USA

GPA: 3.83

SANBORN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

June 2015

High School Diploma

Work-study student

Kingston, NH USA

GPA: 3.4

EXPERIENCE

CAROLINA VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

UNC-Chapel Hill, NC USA

August 2022-present

Manages the production of imagery, features and informational graphics for CVRC social media sites and newsletter.

- Increased social media engagement through focused branding and streamlined messaging
- Led marketing and social media efforts for Veterans Week events to include two Campus Life Experience lectures, a Ruck for Hunger, and an activity with the ROTC cadets

U.S. AIR FORCE, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

Fort George G. Meade, MD USA

November 2020-August 2022

Air Force Production News Desk Services editor

Managed the editing and production of Air Force articles, fact sheets, biographies and imagery captions.

- Attended planning meetings with the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
- Oversaw publication requests from the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, U.S. Space Force

U.S. AIR FORCE, 673D AIR BASE WING

Anchorage, AK USA

Command Information producer/editor

August 2017-October 2020

Produced photo and article documentation of local and national events for Airmen and their families, to include retirees, civilians and contract employees.

- Sole photographer for multiple presidential, vice-president, first ladies, and U.S. military senior leadership visits
- Led training of office personnel on the base's electronic marquee to include proper display, format and messaging
- Organized aircraft fact sheet display for 20+ aircraft during Alaska's largest annual air show

Community Engagement lead coordinator

Maintained and strengthened relationship between the armed forces and local community through community relations programs.

- Organized several Junior ROTC multi-day base tour, supported community event in the most diverse neighborhood in the U.S., documented honorary commander incentive flight
- Responded to inquiries about base tours; hosted >100 base-wide tours for service members, local students, retirees, civilians, and foreign nationals
- Managed base commander and Public Affairs-led directive to inform surrounding local community members about upcoming construction, proper on base trail conduct, and live-fire training areas

U.S. AIR FORCE, DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL

Fort George G. Meade, MD USA

March 2017-July 2017

Air Force DINFOS photojournalist student

Completed the Defense Information School photojournalist course.

 Completed basic proficiency in communication theories, photography, journalism, on-camera interviews, publishing and editing, media preparation techniques and graphic design

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NOTE IN THE POCKET

Raleigh, NC USA January 2023-May 2023

Public Relations volunteer

Provided public relations and media support for Note in the Pocket as a UNC-Chapel Hill APPLES Service-Learning student.

- Completed various public relations products to include a media advisory, news release, social media graphics and imagery
- Coordinated with a student-led team to provide a full comprehensive communication audit

LANGUAGES English: Native French: Basic

IT SKILLS Adobe Software, WordPress, Microsoft, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

AWARDS NCO of the month award for May, December, January; NCO of the quarter for October; Air Force Letter of Achievement, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

ACTIVITIES Photography, videography, reading, hiking