

# Christine Westrich

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**EDUCATION** Bachelor's of Science, Ocean Engineering, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. 1994  
Naval Flight Officer Wings, F/A-18 [D] [AW] Hornet, Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL. 1997  
Bachelor's of Fine Art, Illustration, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA. 2012

**QUALIFICATIONS** Veteran's Preference eligible — 10 point, CPS group; disabled veteran, 40%  
First female Air Combat Tactics Instructor, Marine Air Wing Tactics School-1. 2000  
Former Top Secret/SCI with Full Scope Polygraph. 2001-2010  
Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear certificate, White House Military Office. 2009  
FEMA Emergency Management Institute, various. 2012-2014

**SKILLS** Technology: 75 wpm; MS OfficeSuite; Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign  
Arts: painting, drawing, embroidery. [www.christinewestrich.com](http://www.christinewestrich.com)

## PROFESSIONAL

### **Milwaukee County Emergency Management. Community Resources & Continuity Coordinator. Milwaukee, WI. 7/2013-current**

- Manager of inaugural countywide Continuity of Operations development for over 41 departments and all County constitutional offices to include the County Executive, County Board, the Sheriff, Chief Judge, and District Attorney; leading each department and office through the creation of their unique plan to include regulatory alignment with FEMA, Federal Regulations, Wis. State Statutes, County Ordinances, County Budget cycles. Implementing a sustainable approach with future milestones to ensure continuous participation and investment.
- Inventory manager and author of Memorandum of Agreements, technical price agreements, and verbal agreements requiring complex political negotiations for conveyance of County functions [Court Operations, Zoo, Parks, Register of Deeds, House of Corrections, Behavioral Health Hospital, etc.] to alternate facilities during an incident.
- Manager of the Milwaukee County Mass Fatality Planning Workgroup authoring the first Milwaukee County Mass Fatality Management Plan. Sole leader negotiating with over 45 members. Chair of the workgroup encompassing over 13 municipal Health Officers, Sass/Krause/Schmidt-Bartelt Funeral Directors, Medical Examiner, FBI, Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Director, private ambulance companies, and 13 Municipal Fire Chiefs.
- Administrator and direct supervisor of the inaugural Milwaukee County AmeriCorps program. Manager of the year-long grant contract with the state, includes recruiting and training three members and direct management of our American Red Cross partner. Includes the building of the first-ever Milwaukee County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters [VOAD] portfolio. Problem-solver, balancing the non-governmental politics and competing CEOs within Metropolitan Milwaukee. To include Team Rubicon, Christian Aid and Relief, Lions Club, Samaritan's Purse, New Threads of Hope, Red Cross, and Salvation Army verification to prevent illicit activity during a disaster.
- Leader among 24/7 on-call responders having earned individual recognition of the Milwaukee County Sheriff through dispute resolution and technical acumen in countywide response during severe weather to include urban flooding, overflowage, tornadic siren warning and interpersonal conflict negotiation in all matters under duress.

### **Federal Continuity Consultant & Freelance Commercial Illustrator. New York City and Los Angeles. 1/2010-12/2012**

- Freelance confidant; balanced strict institution deadlines with Washington, DC federal contractor requirements, to include: engineering review of hazardous material environments, air/water quality incidents and sewer infiltration events. Operational expert for inventory of facilities directly utilizing civil engineering principles to protect operators and civilians exposed to hazardous chemical, biological, and radiological events in WMD-engineered facilities.
- Earned a second Bachelor's degree with Distinction [greater than 3.8 GPA] while exceeding client expectations.

### **Critical Mission Assurance Program, SWP Systems, LLC. Director of Special Projects. McLean, VA. 5/2006-1/2010**

- Director of special projects for classified Continuity of Government functions which included coordination of Operations and Maintenance [O&M] budget plans exceeding 7.1M dollars, Evacuation and Relocation Programs, and Continuity of Operations Programs for prolonged sustainment off-the-grid.
- Operations manager of classified operations requiring civil engineering principles to include underground water and fuel storage, stand-alone sewer operations, electro-magnetic pulse considerations, and hazardous material detection equipment. This included the co-management of over 45 commercially covered employees ensuring shift operations and 24/7 response protocol was adhered to, executing random monitoring and pre-planned exercises.

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## **[CONTINUED] Critical Mission Assurance Program, SWP Systems, LLC. Director of Special Projects.**

**McLean, VA. 5/2006-1/2010**

-Author and director of inaugural four-day 'Exercise Fatigue' at classified facility—included disaster recovery scenarios centered on White House policies, industrial safety standards, and austere personnel restrictions. Leader and director of thirty participants to include senior political officials of the Executive Branch who measured, and ultimately proved, the need for additional 24/7 operators.

## **Pentagon, Office of the Secretary of Defense, C.A.C.I. Deputy Director of Operations.**

**Arlington, VA. 9/2005-5/2006**

-Lead the Homeland Defense threat level restructuring, incorporating the Joint Chief's of Staff DEFCON levels and the military's FPCON levels. Included close liaison with FEMA's Mount Weather Emergency Operation's Center and Headquarters involving role-playing and real-world emergency response in the surrounding locale.

-Coordinated with Pentagon Force Protection Agency law enforcement personnel and the Defense Support of Civil Authorities [Stafford Act authority] during heightened terrorist alerts and formal exercises. Included classified facility inventory in the Washington Metropolitan Area for secure relocation of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

## **White House, East Wing Military Office, Presidential Contingency Plans. MAJOR, USMC. Director of Operations.**

**Washington, DC. 1/2003-8/2005**

-Operations Director and sole liaison to the President's & Vice-President's Military Aides. Modernized the contents of the top secret 'nuclear football'. Authored and published technical emergency operations plans, first-response checklists, and operating matrixes as complex decision-making aids. Included authoring the Battle Book, the comprehensive inventory of classified continuity relocation facilities and operational tactics.

-Coordinator on special operations missions with multiple aviation entities and ground transportation units on a daily basis and notably, during National Significant Security Events, e.g., the State of the Union Address. Developed aviation risk mapping tools with Marine One and Secret Service. Operated as a dependable, cool-under-stress, leader.

-Operations coordinator for significant inventory of undisclosed relocation facilities involving in-depth logistics with Presidential cabinet successors, federal agencies [DNI, NSA, CIA, DIA, NRO, NGA, DOI, USDA, USSS], local municipalities, military authorities, and elected officials. Required detailed logistical tactics to include covert transit.

-President's Emergency Operations Center watch officer. Leader among a twenty-five-person operations team in an extreme 24-hour watchstanding environment; responsible for the air quality, facility integrity (tightening), and communications of the secure facility.

## **Office of Naval Intelligence, SPEAR. CAPTAIN, USMC. Iran/Iraq Air Defense Analyst.**

**Suitland, MD. 1/2001-1/2003**

-Expert trainer and researcher on Iran/Iraq, deploying to multiple USS warships, carrier battle groups, and fighter-weapons schools to include the elite Marine Air Wings Tactics School, Squadron 1, at the Yuma Proving Grounds.

-Intelligence operator collecting cockpit photos of Russian MiG/Su-27 Flanker, at the Le Bourget Airshow, Paris, Fr.

## **F/A-18 [D] [AW] Hornet, Naval Flight Officer, VMFA [AW] 224. CAPTAIN, USMC. Weapons Sensor Operator [WSO].**

**Beaufort, SC. 7/1998-1/2001**

-Backseater, or Navigator, in the F/A-18 two-seat Hornet. First female Marine aviator to earn Air Combat Tactics Instructor, Forward Air Controller-Airborne, and Night Systems Qualification in the history of Naval Aviation.

-Squadron Flight Officer responsible for complex alignment of airspace, fighter jets, Maintenance Control, bogey aircraft and pilot qualifications.

-Squadron Powerline Officer responsible for over 60 enlisted Marines. Manager of technical repairs and O&M on GE-F404 jet engines. Led the Plane Captains, responsible for the safe start, taxi, and shut-down of all fighter aircraft.

## **HONORS + CONTRIBUTIONS**

Graduation with Distinction, Art Center College of Design. 2012

Second place women's overall finisher in Pasadena 5k Race. 2012

Classified letters of appreciation & Defense Meritorious Service Medal. 2005-2010

Member: Milwaukee Art Museum, The Museum of Wisconsin Art.