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Professional Summary

Driven Cybersecurity Analyst with a strong foundation in network defense, log analysis, and incident response. Brings 10 years of leadership and risk-management experience from U.S. Army operations, applying security frameworks and analytical discipline to protect digital assets, while currently pursuing (ISC)² Certified in Cybersecurity (CC), while gaining hands-on experience through the LetsDefend SOC platform, analyzing live security events and simulated attacks.

Technical Skills

Security Tools & Concepts: SIEM (LetsDefend), Log Analysis, Malware Analysis, Cyber Kill Chain, Risk Management Framework (NIST RMF), Incident Response
Operating Systems: Linux | Windows
Networking: TCP/IP, DNS, Firewalls, Network Protocols
Programming & Scripting: Python (basic)
Soft Skills: Communication | Leadership | Team Collaboration | Critical Thinking

Education

Purdue University Global – Indiana | Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (GPA 4.0)
2024 – Present
Key Courses: Introduction to Cybersecurity • Networking with Microsoft Technologies • Python Programming • Networking Concepts

Certifications

• Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) – (ISC)²
• SOC Analyst Learning Path – LetsDefend (Completed 2025)

Professional Experience

U.S. Army Reserves – Bryan, TX
Motor Transport Operator | Jan 2013 – Present

• Directed secure 24/7 mission operations and convoy tracking using encrypted communication systems, ensuring data confidentiality, integrity, and availability.
• Performed risk assessments and developed mitigation strategies aligned with NIST and DoD security frameworks.
• Created standard operating procedures and incident response protocols for digital communications and OPSEC discipline.
• Supervised and trained teams on information security awareness, access control measures, and threat reporting.

AKIMA LLC – Fort Hood, TX
Heavy Truck Driver | May 2021 – Present

• Managed sensitive ammunition and equipment transport operations while ensuring secure documentation and chain-of-custody integrity.
• Conducted daily asset verifications and data entry with attention to accuracy and policy compliance.
• Collaborated with cross-functional teams to maintain operational continuity and mission security standards.

Projects

Live SOC Monitoring – LetsDefend (Oct 2025) | View Profile: https://app.letsdefend.io/user/shinyhunter

• Investigated real-time alerts in a simulated SOC using SIEM tools and attack-detection frameworks.
• Performed triage and root-cause analysis for 20+ incidents, documenting findings in accordance with NIST 800-61 guidelines.
• Identified malicious activity patterns and recommended containment and remediation actions.

Leadership in Operational Security – U.S. Army (2024)

• Directed a 12-person team under high-pressure conditions, balancing mission objectives with secure communications and data handling protocols.

Additional Highlights

• Security Clearance (Secret)
• Passionate about SOC operations, threat analysis, and continuous learning in cyber defense