

Bio for Josh Basquez

I was born on an army base in Ft. Ord, California. I grew up in Broken Arrow, OK. I studied computer programming at Tulsa Technology Center my junior and senior years of high school, and graduated from B.A. High School in 2004. I joined the Navy a few months later an Information Technician. My first assignment was at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. I worked in the IT and War Gaming departments, and it was there that I developed an interest in many of the departments studied at the War College including strategy and policy (S&P), international law department (ILD), and national security decision making (NSDM). Two years later, as a Petty Officer 2nd class (IT2) I was assigned to F-18 Hornet squadron 136 (Knighthawks) at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. We deployed that summer of 2007 for a 6 month deployment to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. I worked on computers for the entire air group onboard the USS Enterprise (CVN65), and co-managed the Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) out of the Carrier based intelligence center (CVIC), helping pilots to plan missions and load them onto aircraft.

In 2008 I separated from the U.S. Navy with intentions to attend college, but was hired to work for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City to help manage and monitor server operations of classified and unclassified computer systems. There I was trained in special network security tools developed by McAfee, and was part of a team that provided support to Information Security officers across all branches of the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, and the Whitehouse. In 2009 I joined Kaiser-Francis Oil company to provide network and IT systems administration. As part of Kaiser-Francis Management, I have the opportunity of also supporting many area small businesses and foundations associated with Oklahoma Billionaire George Kaiser, while pursuing full-time a degree in political science from OSU-Tulsa. I am fluent in Spanish, and I look forward to a career in policy development, with a possible focus on South American or East Asian studies.