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## **Bio**

My professional career began along two concurrent paths starting with my graduation from the University of Missouri with a Civil Engineering Degree. A few hours later, I received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Missouri National Guard. Upon completion of my initial U.S. Army training, I began work for Structural Engineering Associates in the Kansas City Metro Area. Three years later, I joined the BHCRhodes team the first time in 2000, where I worked as a Staff Engineer. During this time, I also achieved the rank of Captain where I worked on various project from Alaska to Honduras, culminating with a Deployment to Iraq in 2003 with the 135<sup>th</sup> Rear Operation Center (ROC). In 2004 I separated from the U.S. Army and took a job with the Leavenworth County Public Works Department. As the County Engineer / Public Works Director, I managed the largest department within the organization. In this role, I helped to shape the policy of the Board of County Commissioners regarding infrastructure and development. I worked for Leavenworth County for twelve years, before returning to the private sector. In 2016 I accepted a Project Manager position with BHCRhodes where I am today. I work in their Utilizes Group, with a primarily focus on large telecommunication utility projects.

## **Fun fact about you that will be surprising/interesting to your classmates!**

I have ridden my motorcycle 942 miles for a Cheeseburger.... Three times.

## **Favorite quote**

"Not all who wander are lost" – J.R.R. Tolkien

## **My job would be a lot easier if**

I could consolidate clients and projects to one time zone.