

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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* Rank / Branch : LTC / Infantry - R.O.K Army

* Date and Place of Birth : 30 MAR 1982, Seoul / Republic of Korea

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* Major Military Experience

- JAN 2001 – MAR 2005 **Cadet / Korea Military Academy**
 - * **Officer course / Germany (2002~2004)**
- JUN 2005 – OCT 2008 **Platoon leader, Staff / 26th ARMD Div.**
- APR 2012 – DEC 2013 **Company Chief and Staff / 11th SWF(Airborne) BCT.**
- DEC 2013 – JAN 2015 **Control Officer / KCTC(Korean Combat Training Center)**
- DEC 2015 – AUG 2017 **G2 / 1st Security Unit, presidential Security Service**
- APR 2019 – APR 2020 **S3 Staff / 6th Infantry Div.**
- APR 2020 – MAY 2022 **Professor of Philosophy / Korea Military Academy**
- MAY 2022 – MAY 2024 **BTL Commander / 9th SWC(MI/HALO) BCT.**

* Educational Experience

- JAN 2001 – MAR 2005 **Korea Military Academy**
 - * Bachelor Degree in German Linguistics, Military science
- MAR 2005 – JUN 2005 **Army ARMD school(Officer's Basic Course)**
- AUG 2008 – SEP 2011 **Luzern Univ. / Switzerland**
 - * Master Degree in Politics – Economy - Philosophy
- NOV 2011 – APR 2012 **Army Infantry school(Officer's Advanced Course)**
- JAN 2015 – DEC 2015 **ROK Joint Forces Military Univ.**
- AUG 2017 – APR 2019 **Swiss Army Command and General Staff College in ETH Zuerich**
 - * Master Degree in Military science

* Family : Wife(Sei-Hyun Kong, 42),

2 Sons, 1 Daughter (Hyunseok, 9 / Seoeun, Jaeyoon, 7 * twins)

* Hobby : Running, Soccer, Golf, Reading

* Self-Introduction :

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to be selected a military fellow student for this wonderful program in Brown University.

I graduated from Korean Military Academy as an infantry officer in 2005. While I was a cadet at the Military Academy, I had the opportunity to study at a German officer school, where I was able to learn about German armored forces and officer training courses. Afterwards, I was commissioned as an infantry officer and performed my first officer duties in a mechanized infantry unit. I had a strong desire to experience various operational environments and different aspects of the military. After experiencing a platoon leader and staff position in the mechanized Infantry, I volunteered for the Special Forces and performed practical operations and missions, and was very satisfied. Even after joining Special Forces, I gained a variety of experiences as an instructor at a combat training center, the Presidential Security Service, and the border operations unit at the DMZ.

While trying to improve my career and work skills as an officer, I tried not to lose the international sense I experienced in Germany as a cadet. First, I received a master's degree by graduating from a convergence major program in Switzerland. At the time, the master's degree offered in Switzerland was quite interesting. The process of researching the connection between politics, philosophy, and economics subjects and the overall relationship in society through the collaboration of the universities of Zurich, Lucerne, and Basel was innovative even at the time. After that, I had the opportunity to study at the Command and Staff College in Switzerland for a master's degree in military studies. I believe that these academic achievements became the foundation for the opportunity to learn about international politics in the United States.

When I heard about Brown University's Waston Institute, I was convinced that it is an opportunity to expand my experience and interests and to research in depth. This is because the alliance between Korea and the United States after the Korean War and the political, economic, and military issues currently taking place around the world must be studied in various ways to understand the situations of both countries and find ways to coexist.

In particular, since there are political issues domestically between the United States and Korea this year, I expect that my experience in the United States will be of great help in understanding not only the political relations between the two countries, but also international relations in the future.