

My name is Joshua Corsa, and I am a candidate for West Coast Regional Director. My EMS career started 27 years ago and has taken me from rural North Carolina to urban Seattle to war zones across the world with the US Army. While none of us can ever say we've seen it all, I can say my breadth and depth of experience is comprehensive.

Like many of us, I started as a volunteer, taking an EMT course in high school in coastal North Carolina in 1997. To say I caught the bug would be an understatement. I soon enlisted in the US Army and deployed with the Washington Army National Guard. Returning to North Carolina, I worked as a career firefighter/EMT and then as a firefighter/paramedic as well as a flight medic and volunteer paramedic in Virginia. During that time, I also worked on my associate degree. Seeking new challenges, and a new avenue to contribute to EMS, I obtained my bachelor's degree in emergency medical care at Western Carolina University and my Medical Doctorate at East Carolina University, continuing to work as a firefighter and paramedic throughout that time. After surgical residency and a critical care fellowship, I found my new home in Snohomish, WA. For the past five years I have been a trauma & critical care surgeon, as well as the EMS medical director for San Juan County, Snohomish County SWAT & Search and Rescue, and other agencies. I also serve my community as an emergency department physician in rural Washington, as well as a volunteer firefighter/paramedic. I continue to serve in the US Army Reserves and have deployed three times to provide far forward medical support of special operations forces across the globe.

Throughout all of this I have been an instructor for numerous EMT, paramedic, and physician courses. I have been a PHTLS instructor since 2016, an ATLS instructor since 2018, and have lectured at medical conferences across the globe, with a particular interest in austere, trauma & mass casualty medicine. For my work during the Pulse mass shooting, I was inducted into the Arnold Gold Humanism Society, and have also received the Oriens award from the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and a lifesaving award from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. Continuing my interest in education, I write questions for the flight, critical care, and tactical paramedic exams, and am a peer reviewer for the Air Medical Journal. I have published multiple research articles, with five more studies in progress.

I have been fortunate enough to have provided prehospital care in a wide variety of situations and have learned so much from each of them. As you can see, providing medical care and molding the next generation of EMS provider is truly my life's passion and I couldn't imagine doing anything else.