



**VETTED**

## Zach Asmus

University of Texas at Austin Veteran Accelerated Management Program (2017-COHORT-1)



**Motto:** Life is short-enjoy it and be yourself

**Age:** 31

**Hometown:** Houston, TX

**Rank:** Technical Sergeant

**Military Service:**

US Air Force 2010-2015

### EDUCATION:

- University of Texas at Austin(2018)  
BA Government
- Tech Qualified Account Executive Candidate Training Program (2017)
- Airman Leadership School (2014)
- Air Traffic Control School(2010)

### MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- USAF Combat Controller
- Conducted humanitarian assistance, theatre contingency operations, and combat deployment
- Joint Terminal Attack Controller, Rope/Rappel Master, Combat Diver, Military Free Fall, Static Line Airborne, Air Traffic Control, Survival School, Special Operations Training Group: Urban Reconnaissance
- Deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel, and Resolute Support
- Planned and participated in dozens of Joint Country Exchange Training exercises throughout Southeast Asia

### Nonprofit Experience:

- Houston Veterans in Business, Elite Meet, Combat Control Association, Lone Star Veterans Association, Combined Arms, K-9 Angels, Doggies Inc.

**Tell us a fun fact about you:**

I'm passionate about helping stray dogs. We rescued our 2 dogs (Finley and Buster) from a shelter in Okinawa. They have flown across the Pacific 3 times!

**Why did you join the military?**

I read Lone Survivor one night before bed. I finished it cover to cover in a couple of hours, put it down, and knew I had to give the military a shot.I started training the next morning.

**What is the greatest single lesson you learned from your Military Service?**

To be at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment. If you just get those 3 things down, your day, meeting, or event is already off to a great start.

**Why did you apply for the Veterans Accelerated Management Program?**

I have been frustrated with the veteran transition process and saw a guy in Mike Sarraille that is widely lauded in the active duty community, actively working with UT to change it for the better. I liked their approach and have seen firsthand that you need to have a solid understanding of business to catch up to your peers that have been doing this while you've been cleaning Zodiacs.

**What do you hope to accomplish in the next chapter of your life, both professionally and personally?**

I hope to find a career I'm passionate about that allows me to grow professionally and provide everything my kids could ever need-to include time with them. My family is very important to me and I want to make sure I keep that in perspective. That work/life balance is definitely a goal of mine.

**What would you tell today's American public about our nation's Veterans transitioning out of the military?**

First of all, thank you for supporting us. From meals paid for anonymously when I asked for the check, to promoting special programs like this, and everything in between, I'm very thankful for what the American public has done for me and my family, and vets across the nation. Veterans came back from WW2 and built America into what it is today. They had an undeniable entrepreneurial spirit and a knack for getting things done. Today's generation is no different. Everyone in the military today volunteered to serve while we were at war. You've got a whole generation of disciplined, creative, intelligent, and resourceful veterans looking for purpose in the workforce. They just need the right mix of education and mentorship to mold them into your best employees and the future leaders of this country.