

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **Crane and Rigging Management, Training, Development and Delivery, Expert Witness/Litigation Support**

President Becket LLC. Career crane and rigging professional with hands on and policy experience. Train, test and certify crane operators, riggers and signalpersons for Army, Navy and civilian personnel. Develop and deliver safety and technical training to government and private interests around the world. Experienced consultant with 39 years in the crane and rigging industry, including over 20 years of policy experience. Expert witness with plaintiff and defense experience in crane and rigging accidents.

Charter crane and rigging training program manager at the U.S. Navy Crane Center. Responsible for defining the Navy's crane training program and developing the organization. Instituted and led the development of the Navy-wide training program for shore-based cranes and rigging at over 250 Navy activities worldwide.

- Developed the multi-million-dollar Navy-wide crane and rigging training program including 16 courses ranging from 4 to 40 hours each
- Provided oversight to up to 50 direct and contract trainers worldwide
- Selected to audit crane and rigging training for a special project at the Department of Energy Hanford nuclear waste disposal site
- Led the institution of the Crane Reliability Improvement Safety Program (Crisp) at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
- Administered Train-the-Trainer, for subordinate and contract crane trainers
- Facilitated work-groups of developers, trainers and managers
- Led conversion of instructor-led to web-based training

## **Certifications (Current and Former)**

- NCCCO Certified Rigger
- NCCCO Accredited Rigger Practical Examiner
- NCCCO Certified Signalperson
- NCCCO Accredited Signalperson Practical Examiner
- NCCCO Certified Overhead Crane Operator
- NCCCR Accredited Mobile Crane Operator License Examiner
- NCCCR: Certified Exam Administrator
- NCCCR: Certified Master Trainer
- Trico-Lift Trained Rough Terrain Forklift Operator
- NIASE Certified Mechanic

## **Awards and Honors**

- Meritorious Civilian Service Award (Highest DOD Civilian Honor)
- Excellence in Government Awards Program, Bronze Medalist
- Captain's Award for developing PNSY crane training organization
- Top Trainer Award Nominee

## **Technical Memberships and Committees**

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), member
- ASME B30 Safety Standards for Cableways, Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Jacks and Slings, main committee
- ASME P30 Planning for the use of Cranes, main committee member
- ASME B30.9 Slings, subcommittee member
- ASME B30.23 Personnel Lifting Systems, subcommittee member
- ASME B30.24 Container Cranes, subcommittee member
- ASME B30.26 Rigging Hardware, subcommittee chair
- NCCCO Lift Director Task Force
- NCCCO Lift Director Management Committee
- Crane Institute Certification (CIC) Lift Director Exam Committee member
- Associated Builders and Contractors, member
- Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority, board member and Engineering Committee chair
- Delaware County Technical Schools , Occupational Advisory committee
- Volunteer Firefighter Middletown Company #50 (Former Board of Directors)

## **Technical Publications**

- Crane & Rigging Hotline – Article “Understanding the terms Competent, Qualified, Certified and Designated” (July 2015)
- Crane & Rigging Hotline – Article “Choosing the correct synthetic sling for your lift” (March 2015)
- Crane Works Magazine - Article “So Your Mobile Crane Won't Lift The Test Load” (May-June 1998)
- Drafted the original Training section of the U.S. Navy's NAVFAC P-307 Management of Weight Handling Equipment. (1997)
- Drafted the original Rigging section of the U.S. Navy's NAVFAC P-307 Management of Weight Handling Equipment. (1996)
- Researched and wrote official “Crane Safety Advisories” for the U.S. Navy

## **Crane Training Video Production**

- Developed and produced crane and rigging safety training videos
- Wrote production treatments for films, including shots, and narration
- Directed film crews on location and provided conceptual oversight
- Managed editing of film and narration

## **Crane and Rigging Related Certifications, Courses and Seminars**

NAVFAC P-307 General Crane Safety April 18-22, 2016

OSHA Course #7505 Introduction to Accident Investigation 9-18-2014

Trico-Lift Rough Terrain Forklift Operator 3-21-2013

National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators: Rigger Level I Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop 6-7 & 8-2011

National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators: Signal Person Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop 6-6-2011

Total Equipment Training: National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators: Rigger Level I Certification Workshop 2010

Total Equipment Training: National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators: Signal Person Certification 11-30-2010

National Center for Construction Education and Research & North American Crane Bureau: Certified Mobile Crane Test Administrator, 7-31-2009

National Center for Construction Education and Research: Certified Exam Administrator, 6-19-2009

National Center for Construction Education and Research: Certified Master Trainer, 7-7-2009

Naval Education and Training Command: General Crane Safety Refresher Course, 9-15-2005

Construction Safety Council: Power Line Hazard Awareness 02-12-2003

Chicagoland Construction Safety Council: Tower Crane Safety 2003

Crane Partner International: World Class Crane Management Seminar VI, 10-22-24-2001

U.S Department of Transportation: Naval Operational Risk Management Application & Integration, 3-27-28-2000

SlingMax: Prevention of Riggermortise, 9-17-1998

Department of the Navy: NAVFAC P-307 Management of Weight Handling Equipment, 2-1-1991 and 7-19-1995

J. Henry Holland Corp: Seminar on Inspection, Maintenance, Rejection and Safety Criteria, Relating to Wire Rope, Wire Rope End Connections, Wire Rope Blocks, and Associated Hardware 1-31-1995

Wire Rope and Rigging Consultants: Certified Inspector Program 3-9-1995

Crane Technical Training & Inspection, Inc: Applied Rigging Practices, 2-3-1995

The Crosby Group: Risk Management, Inspection of Fittings, Foundation for Performance, Industry Concepts, Fittings and Block Terminology, Key Concerns of Fittings in Overhead Lifting, Bloc Inspection and Maintenance 10-19-1994

Crane inspection & Certification Bureau: Mobile Cranes, Overhead Cranes and Rigging Considerations, 10-14-1994

Crane Institute of America: Rigging Safety and Inspector 6-3-1994

PNSY: Fastener Technology 2-25-1993

NAVFAC P.W. Training Institute: Test Director Weight Handling Equipment 7-24-1992

PNSY: Mechanical Drawing 6-22-1987

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