

Russ Vander Lugt, PhD; Colonel, United States Army

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Transformational, purpose-driven, strategic, and visionary leader who understands Alaska and maintains a broad collaborative network with a record of growing successful organizations

Summary of Qualifications Leads as CEO of a rapidly growing organization consisting of 1,300 employees with assets valued at \$1.5 billion

- advances strategic plan, goals, vision with clear metrics for success
- responsible for the administration of complex operations, activities, and readiness
- manages organizational risk through presence and innovation
- engages employees across multi-faceted organizations
- stewards organizational reputation and relationships
- seeks partnerships and outreach opportunities through collaboration
- oversees budget execution, campaigns, and initiatives

Highlighted Work Experience and Achievements

Military Aviation Officer – Colonel, U.S. Army (2000-present)
Top Secret / Sensitive Compartmented Information security clearance

Academic and Institutional / University Leadership (2007-2022)
Scholarship published in books, articles, papers, and presentations

Residence and service in Alaska throughout career (2002-present)

Current: CEO / Arctic Aviation Commander, 11th Airborne Division (2024-present)

- Established a new brigade headquarters and built it from the ground up
- Responsible for training, readiness, risk management, and oversight of all active-duty aviation elements in Alaska assigned to the 11th Division, consisting of 70 aircraft, 1,300 employees, and assets valued at \$1.5 billion

Director of Strategy, Plans, and Programs, Alaskan Command, USNORTHCOM (2022-2024)

- Advised the 3-star Air Force Commanding General and Senior Military Officer in Alaska on Arctic affairs and joint military campaigning
- Responsible for integration of all military activities in the Alaskan Theater of Operations, synchronizing activities of 21,000 active-duty and reserve forces from all Services

CEO / Battalion Commander, 1st Infantry Division (2019-2021)

- Commanded a logistics and support aviation battalion that supported an organization of nearly 12,000 employees, both stateside and overseas
- Responsible for successfully mobilizing 650 employees for two worldwide deployments that involved maintenance support of 100 helicopters and assets valued at \$75 million

Senior Service College Fellow, Army Strategic Planning and Policy Program (2017-2022)

- Completed an Army-sponsored fellowship within the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and housed in UAF's Arctic and Northern Studies Program
- Wrote and defended a doctoral dissertation highlighting first encounters and relationships between the U.S. Army and Alaska Native residents

Chief of Staff and Operations Officer, US Army Alaska Aviation Task Force (2014-2017)

- Responsible for all Aviation Task Force support to U.S. Army Alaska, including operations, administration, maintenance, accountability, training, and readiness for two aviation battalions, support battalion detachments, and a Gray Eagle company
- Provided executive administrative and management oversight of 1,400 employees and assets valued at \$1.1 billion, while executing a flying hour budget of \$43 million
- Responsible for operations throughout the Arctic and Pacific of the Army's Arctic Aviation Battalion, consisting of 700 employees and assets valued at \$589 million

Department Chair and Asst. Professor, West Point and Embry-Riddle University (2010-2014)

- As Assistant Professor of History, responsible for educating, training, and inspiring the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army at the United States Military Academy
- Chaired the Military Science Department and ROTC Program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Arizona, consisting of 100 faculty, staff, and cadets
- Designed and taught eight undergraduate courses in history, leadership, military science
- Interfaced with campus and community leaders and acted as a liaison to the University

Education & Training

Ph.D., Arctic and Northern History (Interdisciplinary), University of Alaska Fairbanks (2022)
Dissertation: "Among the Dene: Allen's 1885 trans-Alaska Expedition"
Fields: Arctic History, Security, Policy; Anthropology, Cartography

Master of Science, Management Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (2012)
Thesis: "Social Intelligence and Leadership Effectiveness in the Army"
Fields: Management, Aviation Enterprise in a Global Environment

Master of Arts, Arctic and Northern Studies, University of Alaska Fairbanks (2010)
Thesis: "Discovering Alaska's Interior"
Concentration: Historical Geography

Bachelor of Music, Wheaton College, Illinois (2000)
Summa Cum Laude; Distinguished Military Graduate

Technical / Aviation Certificates, Ratings, and Awards

- Commercial Pilot: Rotorcraft-Helicopter and Instrument-Helicopter certificates/ratings
- Private Pilot Privileges: Airplane Single Engine Land and Sea certificates/ratings
- Military Helicopter Pilot-in-Command, Senior Army Aviator with Combat Action Badge
 - Military aircraft qualifications: UH-60 Blackhawk, OH-58 Kiowa Warrior
 - Flight Hours: 1,600 total rotary wing hours, 600 in combat
- Military Medals: Defense Superior Service, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Air Medal

Russell “Russ” Vander Lugt, PhD; Colonel, United States Army**Commander**, 11th Airborne Division’s Arctic Aviation Command3000 Montgomery Road, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 99703; www.linkedin.com/in/russ-vander-lugt**Education****Ph.D., Arctic and Northern History**

University of Alaska Fairbanks (Interdisciplinary Studies, 2022)

Dissertation: “Among the Dene: Allen’s 1885 trans-Alaska Expedition”*Dissertation fields*: Primary: Arctic History, Security, Policy

Secondary: Anthropology, Historical Cartography, Indigenous-Military relations in the Arctic

Committee: Dr. Mary Ehrlander, Chair; Director, Arctic & Northern Studies Program, Dr. Terrence Cole, Dr. Brandon Boylan, Dr. David Koester, Dr. John Heaton**Professional Military Education, Leadership, and Fellowship**

Advanced Strategic Planning and Policy Program, ASP3 (Goodpaster Scholar, 2017-2022)

Senior Service College Fellowship, School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS)

Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dr. Robert Davis, ASP3 Director and Associate Dean of Academics

Master of Science

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Management Science, 2012)

Thesis: “Social Intelligence and Leadership Effectiveness in the Army”*Honors*: *With Distinction*

Dr. Mohammed Arif, Committee Chair

Master of Arts

University of Alaska Fairbanks (Arctic and Northern Studies / Historical Geography, 2010)

Thesis: “Discovering Alaska’s Interior: Historical Geography of the 1885 Allen Expedition”

Dr. Terrence Cole, Committee Chair

Bachelor of Music

Wheaton College, Illinois (Music / Historical Theology, 2000)

*Summa Cum Laude; Distinguished Military Graduate, Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant,**Wheaton College Army ROTC***Leadership and Work Experience** (26 years total active duty; two decades listed)**CEO / Brigade Commander** (2024-present)**Arctic Aviation Command**, 11th Airborne Division, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska*Position Description*: Establish a new brigade headquarters and build it from the ground up with command responsibility for training, readiness, risk management, and oversight of all active-duty aviation elements in Alaska assigned to the 11th Division, consisting of 70 aircraft, 1,300 employees, and assets valued at \$1.5 billion.

Director of Strategy, Plans, and Programs (2022-2024)

Alaskan Command and Alaskan NORAD Region, USNORTHCOM, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Position Description: Primary strategic and Arctic advisor to the 3-star Air Force Commanding General and Senior Military Officer in Alaska, responsible for integration of all military activities in the Alaskan Theater of Operations, synchronizing activities of 21,000 active-duty and reserve forces from all Services.

CEO / Battalion Commander (2019-2021)

601st Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, including two deployments to Operation Atlantic Resolve (Europe)

Position Description: Responsible for organizational readiness to conduct synchronized logistics, communication, and maintenance support by sustaining an organization of 12,000 employees, including mobilizing 650 employees for two worldwide deployments and support of 100 helicopters and assets valued at \$75 million.

Senior Service College Fellow, Arctic and Northern Studies PhD Program (2017-2022)

Army Strategic Planning and Policy Program, U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and Arctic and Northern Studies Program PhD Candidate, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Position Description: Responsible for completing all interdisciplinary PhD coursework in preparation for earning an Army-sponsored PhD fellowship and dissertation at a civilian university, while remaining affiliated with the School of Advanced Military Studies and Advanced Strategic Planning and Policy Program. The doctoral dissertation titled "Among the Dene: Lieutenant Allen's 1885 trans-Alaska Expedition" highlighted first encounters and relationships between the U.S. Army and Alaska Native residents of the Tanana, Yukon, Copper, and Koyukuk River valleys.

Chief of Staff (2016-2017)

Aviation Task Force, U.S. Army Alaska (now 11th Airborne Division), Ft. Wainwright, Alaska

Position Description: Responsible for all aviation support to U.S. Army Alaska, including operations, administration, maintenance, accountability, training, and readiness for two aviation battalions, two aviation support battalion detachments, and a Gray Eagle company consisting of 1,400 employees, 61 aircraft, and 3,400 pieces of equipment valued at \$1.1 billion. Manage a flying hour program of \$43 million.

Chief Operations Officer (2015-2016)

1-52 General Support Aviation Battalion, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska

Position Description: Responsible for operating the Army's only Arctic General Support Aviation Battalion, consisting of 700 employees, 35 aircraft, and 222 vehicles valued at \$589 million, and for deployment operations throughout the Pacific.

Senior Aviation Officer (2014-2015)

1/25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska

Position Description: Responsible for leading the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Air Defense, Airspace Management, and Brigade Aviation Element; responsible for integration of aviation operations into ground scheme of maneuver and serving as aviation subject matter expert by advising ground forces on aviation asset status, capabilities, and detailed mission planning with aviation systems valued at \$11 million.

Assistant Professor of History (2012-2014)**United States Military Academy**, West Point, New York

Position Description: Responsible for educating, training, and inspiring the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army, including teaching 120 cadets enrolled in several core curriculum courses: History of the United States, Advanced History of the United States, and Regional Studies in Russian and Middle Eastern History.

Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Military Science (2010-2012)**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**, Prescott, Arizona, in partnership with Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

Position Description: Responsible for leading the Military Science Department and ROTC Program at Embry-Riddle, consisting of 100 department faculty, staff, and cadets; responsible for recruiting, training, mentoring, and commissioning future officer leadership of the U.S. Army. As Department Chair, interface with community and campus leaders through shared governance; act as an Army liaison to the University.

CEO / Company Commander (2008-2010)**A/1-52 General Support Aviation Battalion**, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, with deployment to Iraq

Position Description: Responsible for providing rotary wing support for the Multi-National Corps, Iraq, Combat Aviation Brigade; responsible for the maintenance, accountability, and serviceability of all assigned equipment, including 8 helicopters, vehicles, and associated assets valued at \$80 million. Lead the organization as Pilot-in-Command and Air Mission Commander in combat.

Higher Education Leadership and Teaching Experience**Assistant Professor of History (2012-2014)**

Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Regional Studies in Russian History (HI 108R), Fall 2012

Regional Studies in Middle Eastern History (HI 108M), Spring 2012

History of the United States, 1776-1865 (HI 105), Fall 2013

Advanced History of the United States, 1865-2000 (HI 155), Spring 2014

Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Military Science (2010-2012)

Department of Military Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Arizona

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Adaptive Leadership (MS 301), Fall 2010

Applied Leadership (MS 302), Spring 2011

Developing Adaptive Leaders (MS 401), Fall 2011

Leadership in a Complex World (MS 402), Spring 2012

Guest Lecturer (2010-present)

University of Alaska, Arctic and Northern Studies and Osher Lifetime Learning Institute

Lectures in: Polar Exploration, Literature, Alaska History, and Arctic Leadership (see various graduate and undergraduate lectures in "Academic Papers, Presentations, and Panels" below)

Publications and Research

Books and Peer-Reviewed Articles

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Achieving Unified Command in the Arcto-Pacific: The History of Alaskan Command" in *The Strategic Competition in the Indo-Pacific region: 'Pacing Threat', and 'Great Power Competition', or Competition of Alliances?* ed. Mahir J. Ibrahimov, Army University Press, 2026 (forthcoming).

Vander Lugt, R. W. Review of Kathryn C. Lavelle, *Reluctant Conquest: American Wealth, Power, and Science in the Arctic*, Yale University Press, 2025, *Alaska History* Vol. 41, No. 1, Spring 2026 (forthcoming).

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Army Aviation Transformation in Alaska: History and Formation of an Arctic Combat Aviation Brigade," *Army Aviation Magazine*, April/May 2026 (forthcoming).

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Achieving Unified Command in the Arctic, Part II: Anticipating Arctic Futures," *Journal of Arctic Security Studies*, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 2026, pp. 5-32.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Arctic Aviation Command Charts a Course to Strengthen the Arctic Division," with Michael D. Harms, *Army Aviation Magazine*, April 30, 2025, pp. 44-46.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Achieving Unified Command in the Arctic: The History of Alaskan Command," *Journal of Arctic Security Studies*, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Vol. 2, No. 1, Winter 2024, pp. 77-97.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Significance of Alaska in Homeland Defense," with General David Nahom, *Journal of Arctic and Climate Security Studies*, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Vol. 1, No. 1, Summer 2023, pp. 29-32.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Mysterious Process of Historical Research: A Curious Story of how Heath Twitchell found Henry Allen" in *The Big Wild Soul of Terrence Cole*, eds. Frank Soos and Mary Ehrlander, University of Alaska Press, 2019, 309-326.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "New Frontiers: Making Alaska a Terra Cognita" in *Paths of Innovation in Warfare: From the Twelfth Century to the Present*, ed. Nicholas M. Sambaluk, Rowman and Littlefield, 2018, 87-110.

Vander Lugt, R. W. *We Fought the Road*, Christine and Dennis McClure, with foreword by Russ Vander Lugt, Epicenter Press, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. Review of Chris Allan, *Arctic Odyssey: A History of the Koyukuk River Gold Stampede in Alaska's Far North*, Government Printing Office: United States Department of the Interior, 2016, *Alaska History* Vol. 33, No. 2, Fall 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. Review of Katherine J. Ringsmuth, *Alaska's Skyboys: Cowboy Pilots and the Myth of the Last Frontier*, University of Washington Press, 2015, *Alaska History* Vol. 31, No. 1, Spring 2016.

Vander Lugt, R. W. Review of Michael Gates, *Dalton's Gold Rush Trail: Exploring the Route of the Klondike*, Harbour, 2012, *Alaska History* Vol. 28, No. 1, Spring 2013.

Academic Papers, Presentations, and Panels

Vander Lugt, R.W. "Arctic METOC Partnership Summit (AMPS) Opening Remarks: Army Aviation in the Arctic," presentation for the *AMPS annual conference*, University of Alaska Fairbanks, March 23, 2026.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Fairbanks before Felix: the history of interior Alaska's largest community before Felix Pedro and E.T. Barnette," presentation for the *Tanana Yukon Historical Society's 2nd program*, 2025-2026 season, Fairbanks, Alaska, November 19, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Fairbanks before Felix: the history of interior Alaska's largest community before Felix Pedro and E.T. Barnette," paper presented at the *Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference* (virtual), Fairbanks, Alaska, September 27, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Rolling Thunder Battalion Leadership Professional Development," presentation for *Wheaton College ROTC Department*, Wheaton, Illinois, September 25, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Arctic Aviation Command 11th Airborne Division," Community Partners presentation for the *Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee*, Fairbanks, Alaska, June 13, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Northern exploration in the 1880s," lecture for *Polar Exploration and its Literature, HIST/ACNS 481/681*, Arctic and Northern Studies Program, Gruening Building, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, March 27, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Personal and Professional Reflections on Leadership in Alaska and the Arctic," lecture for *Political Science 493/693, Arctic Leadership: Theory and Praxis in the 21st Century*, Arctic Leadership Lecture Series – Military Leadership, Schaible Auditorium, University of Alaska Fairbanks, March 20, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Arctic Survival & Isolated Aviator Leader Professional Development: Charley River B-24 Crash & Survival," lecture and leader professional development for officers of the Arctic Aviation Command, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, March 6, 2025.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Alaska's identity: Arctic, Asian, Pacific, North American – or all of the above? Toward a broad geographic perspective and cultural context of Alaska as a subcontinent," lecture for *Arctic and Northern Studies Program Interdisciplinary PhD Seminar*, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, November 12, 2024.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Fall of Ivan Petroff, Part III: How Alaska's First Historian Perished into Obscurity Following Entanglements in the Bering Sea," paper presented at the *Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference*, Cordova, Alaska, October 10, 2024.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Transformation & Modernization of the 11th Airborne Division," panel at *Alaska Defense Forum*, COL (Ret) and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Tim Jones (Moderator) with Brig. Gen. Thomas Burke, COL Russ Vander Lugt, and COL Chris Brawley, August 27, 2024.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Arctic Roundtable," Coordinator and panel member co-chair for the *SCUSA 74*, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, November 1-5, 2023.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Continuing Mystery of Mr. Petroff's History, Part II," paper presented at the *Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference*, Kenai Peninsula College, Soldotna, Alaska, October 6, 2023.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Coastal Erosion and Thawing Permafrost in Alaska," panel at *Alaska Defense Forum*, Dr. Jessica Garron (Moderator), University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute, August 28, 2023.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Greenland and Danish Joint Arctic Command," presentation at Alaskan Command Headquarters, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, January 20, 2023.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Dean of Alaskan Experts? The Conflicting Legacies of William Dall and Ivan Petroff," paper presented at the *Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference*, Anchorage, Alaska, October 7, 2022.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Allen and Nicolai in Tazlina," presentation at Tazlina Community Hall, Native Village of Tazlina, Alaska, September 22, 2022.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Allen among the Ahtna: Encounters along Alaska's Copper River, 1885," presentation for "*At the APK*," a lecture series hosted by the Andrew P. Kashevaroff (APK) Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, May 18, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Copper Riverscapes and Cultural Encounters: The Army Returns after 134 Years," presentation for *Tundra Vision Mountain View Public Library 2019 Lecture Series*, Anchorage, Alaska, April 25, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Allen among the Ahtna: Arctic Encounters along Alaska's Copper River, 1885," presentation for the *8th Program of the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society 2018-2019 season*, Pioneer Park Museum, Fairbanks, Alaska, April 17, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. and Michael Letzring, "Mapping the 1885 Allen Expedition: Evolution of Geographic Knowledge and Indigenous-Military Relations along Alaska's Copper River," poster presentation at *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, April 2-9, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Henry T. Allen's Trans-Alaska Expedition, 1885," presentation for the *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Lecture Series*, University of Alaska – Fairbanks, April 9, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "A Canadian Moratorium on Offshore Oil and Gas Activity in the Arctic," paper at *The Model Arctic Council (MAC)*, as Senior Arctic Official (student delegate) for Canada, Rovaniemi, Finland, October 30, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Resolving the Northwest Passage Dispute between Canada and the United States," "New Shipping Routes in the Arctic," and "Human Security and Indigenous Issues in the Arctic," paper presentations at *The Model Arctic Council (MAC)*, October 31, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Lower Copper River Landscapes and Indigenous Encounters: The Army Returns after 133 Years," report on fieldwork presented at *Annual Meeting of Museums Alaska and Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference*, Nome, Alaska, September 13, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Why Polar Exploration?" presentation for *Polar Literature and Exploration, NORS 681*, guest-taught with Dr. Terrence Cole, Lesson 6, Feb. 21, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Strong, Secure, Engaged – Canada's New Defence Policy," panel moderator at the *2017 NORAD and USNORTHCOM Academic Symposium*, Colorado Springs, Colorado, December 5, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Charley River B-24: Army Efforts to understand the 1943 Crash and Story of Survival," paper presented to the *Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association*, Fairbanks, Alaska, November 14, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Allen's Arctic Expedition: Contributions to Scientific Knowledge in the late Nineteenth Century?" paper presented at the *2017 Arctic Science Conference, Arctic Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science*, Fairbanks, Alaska, October 14, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Making Alaska a Terra Cognita: the significance of the Arctic Frontier in American History" paper presented at *Annual Meeting of Museums Alaska and Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference*, Anchorage, Alaska, September 29, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Revisiting Lieutenant Allen Day: Historical Memory and Oral History in Mentasta, Alaska, 1985" paper presented at the *5th annual Alaska Native Studies Conference*, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Troth Yeddha' Campus, Alaska, April 9, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "A Comparative Historical Geography of the Tarkhanov and Allen accounts along the Lower Copper River" paper presented at *44th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association*, Fairbanks, Alaska, February 28, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Charley River B-24: Army Efforts to understand the 1943 Crash and Story of Survival," Paper presented at *the 5th program of the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society 2016-2017 Season, Pioneer Park Museum*, Fairbanks, Alaska, February 15, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Charley River B-24: Army Efforts to understand the 1943 Crash and Story of Survival," paper presented at *Morris Thompson Cultural Center*, sponsored by the National Park Service and U.S. Army Garrison, Fairbanks, Alaska, January 18, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Nuchek: Gateway to Prince William Sound, Crossroads of the North Pacific," paper presented at *the Annual meeting of Museums Alaska and Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference*, Cordova, Alaska, October 3, 2015.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Birthplace of William H. Seward, Alaska's First Statesman," paper presented at *the 7th program of the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society 2014-2015 Season, Pioneer Park Museum*, Fairbanks, Alaska, March 28, 2015.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Born in a Barn? The Birthplace of William H. Seward," paper presented at *the Annual meeting of Museums Alaska and Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference*, Seward, Alaska, October 4, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Classroom Crucible: Emotional-Social Intelligence and Student Participation," paper presented to *Master Teacher Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, United States Military Academy*, April 18, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Presidential Library" *American History USMA seminar panel at Hyde Park Museum, New York*, April 14, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "It was a long way from Tipperary: 20th Century America confronts its obligation to those who served in its wars," *USMA History seminar panel, with Dr. Jim Wright, President Emeritus, and Dr. Eleazar Wheelock Professor of History, Dartmouth College*, April 4, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Compassion after War: Major General Allen and the Rhineland Occupation," paper presented at *New York Military Affairs Symposium, Soldiers & Sailors Club – Lexington Avenue, New York, NY*, March 28, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Independence Hall and Valley Forge National Historic Parks," *USMA American History seminar panel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*, February 8-9, 2014.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Social Intelligence and Leadership in the Army," paper presented at *Social Sciences Research Seminar, United States Military Academy*, December 12, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Boots on Ground: 101st Airborne at Little Rock High, 1957," *USMA Civil Rights seminar panel with COL (Ret) Heath Twichell and COL (Ret) John Snodgras*, December 09, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Tragedy on Mt. Fagradalsfjall: Impact of the Hot Stuff and Loss of LTG Andrews in Iceland," *Faculty Development seminar panel with James Lux*, October 17, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "From Hudson to Yukon to Rhine: WWI's Compassionate Victor," paper presented at *63rd annual meeting of the New York State Association of European Historians, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York*, October 5, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "C'ena' Confluence: A Comparative Historical Geography of the Tarkhanov Account along the Lower Copper River," paper presented at *the Annual meeting of Museums Alaska and Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference, Ft. William Seward, Haines, Alaska*, September 27, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Hudson Valley Historical Fortification," *seminar panel with Turkish Military Academy delegation, Kara Harp Okulu*, September 17, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Building the ALCAN during WWII: Unsung Work of African American Engineers in a Segregated Army," *Civil Rights seminar with Heath Twichell*, March 01, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Cultural Affairs and W.E.B. Du Bois Institute," *Civil Rights seminar panel, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts*, February 20, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Revisiting Islamic Civilization: Sharī'ah, Qur'ān, and Ḥadīth," presentation at *Pentagon Judge Advocate General's Corps Pre-Deployment Training Conference, Washington, DC*, January 29, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Hudson Valley Historical Fortifications," seminar panel for sLTG Jabbar Ubaid Kadhum Al-Darraj, Iraqi Air Defense Commander, Iraq Armed Forces delegation, November 16, 2012.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Allen in Sitka: Formation of Alaska's Greatest Expedition," paper presented at *the Annual meeting of the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska Joint Annual Conference*, Sitka, Alaska, October 11, 2012.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Islamic Civilization and Law: The Historical Context," presentation at *Pentagon Judge Advocate General's Corps Pre-Deployment Training Conference*, Washington, DC, September 11, 2012.

Public Interviews, Articles, Field Papers

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Preview of a Presentation at the APK: Copper River in the late 19th century," *podcast with Scott Burton and Claire Imamura on "Juneau Afternoon,"* a public media series on KTOO Radio, Juneau, Alaska, May 16, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "A Dialogue of Two Histories: Settler Colonialism and Indigenous Decolonization," PhD Field Paper #3, Arctic and Northern Studies Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks, January 18, 2019.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Dutch couple to make North American organ debut in Fairbanks," *Fairbanks Newsminer*, October 3, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Exploration and the Nineteenth Century American West: The Jefferson-Seward Legacy," PhD Field Paper #2, Arctic and Northern Studies Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks, June 24, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Alaska and the West: A Comparative Framework for Alaska's Historical Geography," PhD Field Paper #1, Arctic and Northern Studies Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks, February 28, 2018.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "The Remarkable Leon Crane," *podcast with Eric Allen*, iHeartRadio, 970 KFBX-AM, Fairbanks News radio Station, Alaska, January 17, 2017.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Little Rock: An Active Duty Army Participant Remembers," interview with Heath Twichell conducted by Russ Vander Lugt, *West Point Center for Oral History*, December 10, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Racing for Survival: First Interior Explorer Navigates Tanana River," *Fairbanks Newsminer*, September 4, 2011.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "OIF Operational Leadership Experiences," interview with Captain Russell Vander Lugt conducted by Major Allen Skinner, January 2010, *Combat Studies Institute*, BiblioGov, 2013.

Vander Lugt, R. W. "Marooned Soldier Survived 120-mile Walk in Subarctic after 1943 Crash," *Fairbanks Newsminer*, November 7, 2010.

Research Activities and Sponsored Projects

As PI: "Allen Expedition Route Along Lower Copper River," collaboration with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, BLM-Glennallen, Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Ahtna Incorporated, Chitina Native Corporation, Gulkana Village Council, and U.S. Army Alaska

As Co-PI: "Implementation of Emotional and Social Competency Inventory-Version 3," research and collaboration with Daniel Goleman and *HayGroup*, Boston, Massachusetts; Registered Researcher #1398580, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division

Registered Researcher #154814, National Archives and National Archives II

Researcher, Archives & Special Collections Department at University of Alaska – Anchorage / Alaska Pacific University Consortium: "Fred Wildon Fickett Collection"

Researcher, University of Washington, Special Collections Division: "Russian Archives & Papers regarding the Russians in Alaska, 1732-1796"

Researcher, Smithsonian Institution Archives; National Anthropological Archives

Researcher, Alaska State Archives; Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives (APRCA)

Research Grants, Awards, and Fellowships (*various amounts*)

Recipient, 2022 Three-Minute Graduate Thesis Competition, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Recipient, 2022 Kleinfield Prize, Arctic & Northern Studies, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Recipient, 2021 Alaska Humanities Forum Research Grant: Ahtna and Tanacross texts

Recipient, 2019 Richard Grey Smith Award, Arctic & Northern Studies, UAF

Recipient, 2019 Leonard & Marjorie Wright Arctic & Northern Studies Scholarship, UAF

Recipient, 2018 Leonard & Marjorie Wright Arctic & Northern Studies Scholarship, UAF

Recipient, 2017 Goodpaster Scholarship Fellowship, Army ASP3 Program

Recipient, 2014 West Point Excellence in Teaching Award, USMA History Department

Recipient, 2014 General Omar N. Bradley Research Fellowship in Military History

Recipient, 2013 USMA Faculty Research Award, University of Washington Archives

Recipient, 2013 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska Presentation Grant

Recipient, 2012 USMA Faculty Research Award, University of Alaska Archives

Recipient, 2011 Academic Excellence Award, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Recipient, 2010 Kleinfeld Northern Studies Award for Academic Excellence, University of Alaska

Recipient, 2010 Sikorsky Aircraft Award, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Trumbull, Connecticut

Significant Military Awards and Decorations

Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), Air Medal (numeral device "2"), Combat Action Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Army Aviation Association of America Order of Saint Michael Bronze Medal

Professional Certifications and Service

Security Clearance: *Top Secret, with Sensitive Compartmented Information*

Technical / Aviation Certificates

- Military Helicopter Pilot-in-Command
 - Military Aircraft qualifications: UH-60 Blackhawk, OH-58 Kiowa Warrior
 - Flight Hours: over 1,600 total rotary wing hours, 600 in combat
- Commercial Pilot: Rotorcraft-Helicopter and Instrument-Helicopter certificates/ratings
- Private Pilot Privileges: Airplane Single Engine Land and Sea certificates/ratings
- Army Arctic Additional Skill Identifier, certified through Cold Weather Orientation Course

Professional Service, Affiliations, and Committees

- Member, Governor Bill Walker Military History Museum Task Force (Administrative Order No. 293, April 2018)
- Chair, History Advisory Council, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
- Member, Faculty Council, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
- Master Teacher, Faculty Excellence Center, United States Military Academy
- Guest Lecturer, UAF Osher Lifetime Learning Institute
- Guest Lecturer, UAF Arctic and Northern Studies Graduate Courses
- Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, Alaska
- Church Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, Alaska
- Member, Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks
- Member, Pioneers of Alaska, Men's Igloo No. 4 (20+ year resident of Alaska)
- Member, Alaska Historical Society
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, Army Aviation Association of America
- Member, Alaska Airmen's Association
- Member, Air and Space Forces Association