



## Kris Paronto Executive Summary

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Kris "Tanto" Paronto, a former United States Army Ranger and Private Security Contractor has deployed throughout Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, South America, Central America, the Middle East and North Africa. Kris started his career serving his country at the age of 24 during the summer of 1995 when he completed training for the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment as well as 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. Kris trained and conducted light infantry and Foreign Internal Defense missions as part of a Ranger Company and Operational Detachment Alpha team. In 2006, Kris Paronto was Honorably Discharged and on to the next chapter of his patriotic service.

December 2005, Kris Paronto began his career with Blackwater Security Consulting serving as the Select Program Manager and High Threat Firearms Instructor. Kris became a Lead Firearms Instructor for the United States' State Department High Threat Protection Vetting Program. As a Lead Firearms Instructor, Kris's responsibilities included development of course curriculum for new security officers and coordinating training schedules to ensure prospective personnel were experts in the use of various small arms. In addition, Kris provided high profile protection for Department of State Officials in Iraq as the Detail Leader for Ambassador Khalizad and Deputy Chief of Mission James Jeffries. Kris oversaw one company of United States' Army Personnel and 55 Contract Security officers. His responsibilities extended to advancing meeting venues, writing advance files for prospective venues, supervising daily operations, scheduling and pay issues. Kris concluded his contract with Blackwater Security Consulting in January 2006.

After Blackwater Security Consulting, Kris Paronto carried on his career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on the Global Response Staff (GRS) in January 2006 working throughout Yemen, Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan. Kris's missions continued in low profile protection for Operations Officers in high threat environments throughout the world. His responsibilities included; surveillance, counter-surveillance, surveillance detection, asset pickup, phone data collection, maintaining accountability of sensitive weapons and surveillance equipment. In between assignments for the GRS, Kris joined OSEN Hunter Group in June 2007 as Firearms and Tactics Instructor. Kris's role was to train and instruct the local Afghani military and Afghani Guard forces to properly vet and prepare them to guard all United States government facilities throughout Afghanistan. His role as instructor completed in September 2007. In the summer of 2009, Kris also offered his services to NEXUS Security Consulting as Lead Maritime Security Officer where he provided armed protection for ship personnel and cargo while traversing through the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean from Somalia pilots until January 2010.

In June of 2012, Kris was contracting in Tripoli, Libya when he received notice from the CIA of a new assignment in Benghazi. At that time, Kris joined a team of six set in place to provide protection for the United States Annex Security Personnel. On September 11, 2012, Kris was emerging into a 13 hour battle to save the lives of the American personnel within the United States Annex Compound, currently known as the Battle of Benghazi. During those 13 hours, four American lives, including Ambassador Stevens, Sean Smith, Ty Woods, and Glen Doherty were lost. Following Benghazi, Kris spent the next year in Yemen continuing low profile protection ending his service with the CIA in May of 2013.

Throughout his combined 18 years of military and high threat security service, Kris has also managed his own business as a National Flood Insurance Program Independent Adjuster beginning in 1996 to the present. Performing another service for Americans in need of help when disaster strikes, Kris investigates flood insurance claims to determine the scope of flood damage and to rule out misrepresentation and fraud. He has worked continuously on his business throughout his patriotic service to his country, maintaining all necessary certifications while on leave or during extended breaks between overseas deployments. Kris is certified in all National Flood Insurance Program areas and regularly handles claims in excess of 1 million dollars. In addition, Kris is well versed in Xacimate and SIMSOL adjusting programs and has attained adjusting experience in large commercial property, Loss Assessment, Farm Equipment, Hail, Wind, Vandalism, Fire, Forced Placed Flood, and Forced Placed Property.



## Kris Paronto Leadership Summary

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Kris Paronto has displayed the “prime” example of leadership, honor and courage throughout the combined 18 years of military and security service dedicated to protecting America and her citizens. Kris has been appointed and excelled in several leadership positions throughout his professional career. In each of these roles of leadership, Kris has strategically used his experience, skills and knowledge of foreign culture, weapons, logistics, preparation and execution to guide his teams to success, as well as maintaining the camaraderie between American and foreign military troops.

- 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment
- 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group
- United States Army Non-Commissioned Officer
- United States Army Commissioned Officer
- Lead Firearms Instructor for United States’ State Department High Threat Protection Vetting Program
- Lead Firearms and Tactics Instructor
- Lead Maritime Security Officer
- Department of State Security Detail Leader for the United States Ambassador to Iraq
- Supervisor of Global Response Staff
- Supervisor of course curriculum development for new security officers
- Supervisor for advanced meeting venues, created advance files for prospective venues, managed daily operations
- Leader on surveillance, counter-surveillance, surveillance detection, asset pickup, phone data collection, maintaining accountability of sensitive weapons and surveillance equipment
- Small Business Entrepreneur





## Kris Paronto Education

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Mesa State College – Grand Junction, CO  
SOCIAL SCIENCE 1995

GPA – 3.0, DEANS LIST 1994, PRESIDENT’S LIST 1995

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA – OMAHA, NE  
MASTERS OF SCIENCE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1999

GPA – 3.3

## Kris Paronto Awards & Recognition

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- Infantry Basic Training – US Army -1995
- Parachutist Badge – US Army Airborne School – 1995
- 75th Ranger Indoctrination Program – 75th Ranger Regiment – 1999
- Army Achievement Medal – US Army 2000
- Expert Infantryman Badge – US Army - 2000
- Army Ranger School – US Army – 2001 Class 02-01
- Commissioned 2nd Lt –US Army ROTC Green to Gold Program – 2002
- High Threat Protection Course Completion - US State Department – 2004
- Evasive, High Speed, Off-Road and Personal Security Driving  
Blackwater Security, Armor Group & Boyd Scott Racing – 2004 – 2013
- Tactical Development Course and Tactical Sustainment Training,  
Central Intelligence Agency Global Response Staff – 2006 – 2013
- Combat Life Saver and First Responder – 1996 to Present
- National Flood Insurance Program Certified  
Flood Insurance Adjuster – 1996 to Present
- Award for Heroism – US State Department – 2012
- Co-Author of #1 NY Times Bestseller “13 Hours”

