

## CV



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### **Employment:**

- President and CEO - Gem Hunters Corporation (GHC) 2005 to date. GHC is a gemstone and mineral import/export wholesaling company which has contracts with the World Bank and USAID.
- President and Chairman - GeoVision, Inc./Gem Industries, Inc. 1974 - 2019
- President and Chief Executive Officer - United Pacific Corp. 1971-1974
- President - Bowersox, Dohrman & Co. 1969-1971
- Chief of Operations - US Army Audit Agency-Pacific 1967-1969. Rank of US Army Major and Vietnam Veteran with Top Secret clearance.

### **Consultant:**

- Consultant – USAID – Davis Management Group Project -3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Passage to Prosperity INDIA Afghanistan International Trade & Investment Show September 2019.
- Senior Advisor – Core Drillers Corporation (Kabul) – 2016-2017
- Facilitator and Senior Advisor – Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – Sustainable Development of Natural Resource Project – The World Bank – October 2013.
- Senior Advisor- Adam Smith International Ltd. – A National Strategy for the Afghanistan Gemstones Sector” 2011
- Senior Advisor - USAID/DAI/ASMED - USAID project, "Revitalization of the Gemstone Industry of Afghanistan 2008- 2011.
- Senior Advisor - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH - 2010
- Senior Advisor - Sibley International - USAID project, "Revitalization of the Gemstone Industry of Afghanistan" - 2005 - 2009
- US Department of Defense September 2001-2004 (periodic, unofficial and nonpaying)
- Government of Afghanistan Consultant 1996-1997

**Education:**

- Gemological Institute of America 1973-1996
- Graduate School MBA Program - University of Hawaii 1967-1970
- US Army Finance School - 1963 -1968
  - US Army Basic Finance Course - 1963
  - Financial Management Systems Automatic Data Processing 1965
  - USARHAW – Personal Management for Executives Course - 1968
- Graduate School MBA Program - Western Michigan University 1962-1963
- Western Michigan University- BBA degree 1958-1962

**Civic:**

- Director & Audit Committee Chairman– The Wailana at Waikiki Condominium Association 2019
- Chairman – The Explorers Club Hawaii Chapter (2017-to date)
- Member – Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (2019)
- Member - Rotary International Club - Chairman, International Committee (Past)
- Member - Lions Club International (Past)
- Fellow - The Explorer's Club – FN 95 1995-to date
- Fellow - Royal Geographic Society (Past)
- Member – Gemological Institute of American Alumni Association 1973-to date
- Member - Retired Army Finance Officer Association – 1989- to date
- Member - Western Michigan University Alumni Association – 1962- to date
- Member - Publishers Marketing Association (Past)
- Member - Hawaii Yacht Club (Past)
- Member - Rock and Mineral Society of Hawaii, Inc. - 2008 – to date

**Accomplishments:**

- Forty-six years of exploration and research of gems and minerals in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia.
- Surveyed every emerald mine and every ruby mine know in Afghanistan 2009.
- Completed, as presenter/consultant, a 50-minute TV documentary "The Gem Hunter in Afghanistan 2001"
- Chaired eight symposiums on "Gems and Minerals of the Hindu Kush and Central Asia." 1989-2006.
- Solo flights in both Piper Cubs and Cessna aircraft - 1962
- Traveled to over 98 countries and worked with gem miners in Afghanistan, Brazil, Burma, Madagascar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan and Thailand. 1962-to date.
- Served as a US Army Major in Viet Nam (Veteran) and as Chief of Operations (Pacific) for the US Army Audit Agency. 1967-1969 Service time 7 years 6 months.

**Publications:**

- [The Emerald Mines of Panjshir Valley](#), Afghanistan (published InColor Magazine, Winter 2015. pp. 81-87.
- [The Gem Hunter - True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan](#) (published GeoVision, Inc. April 2004) 505pp.
- ["Rubies and Sapphires of Jegdalek, Afghanistan"](#) Gems and Gemology (summer 2000)
- [Gemstones of Afghanistan](#) Geoscience Press, Tucson 240pp. 1995.
- ["Emeralds of Panjsher Valley, Afghanistan"](#) Gems and Gemology (Spring 1991)
- ["The Gujar Killi Emerald Deposit, Northwest Frontier Province, Pakistan"](#) Gems and Gemology (Winter 1989)
- ["A Status Report on Gemstones from Afghanistan"](#) Gems and Gemology (Winter 1985)

**Speeches and Lectures:**

- Over 1,000 speeches and lectures to such groups as The Explorer's Club, Gemological Institute of America, The Smithsonian Institute of Natural History, Museums, Mining Engineers Association, Rotary Clubs, Gem and Mineral Groups, Middle East Institute, Universities, U.S. Embassy, Kabul, several US Army Bases in Afghanistan, etc.

**Appearances:**

- "Appeared on ABC "Good Morning America-NYC," "CNN-Washington, DC," and FOX News New York and over 500 other television and radio programs.
- Told a "Gem Hunter Story" on stage at the Players Club in New York City. This was a Moth production (2002)

**Honors:**

- Received the Kamehameha Lions Club Award for directing humanitarian aide to the people of Afghanistan via the Lions International eye-glass program - 2009.
- Received award for leading the expedition and carrying The Explorer's Club flag on a Hindu Kush (Afghanistan-Tajikistan) Expedition - 2004
- Who's Who in the Jewelry Business - 1980
- Selected to be listed in Outstanding Young Men of America 1969
- National Defense Service Medal 1968 – Department of Defense

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### Afghanistan Gem Industry Papers and Reports:

- Afghanistan Gemstone Business Hub (AGO) - Business Model for Conducting an Ethical Gemstone Business in Afghanistan 2017
- A National Strategy for the Afghanistan Gemstones Sector, Adam Smith International Ltd. and the Ministry of Mines and Ministry of commerce and Industry (Reviewed as Senior Advisor) 2011
- Procedures to legalize the gem industry of Afghanistan, USAID/DAI/ASMED – September 2010. (Gary W. Bowersox and Mary Louise Vitelli)
- Proposal to legalize the gem industry of Afghanistan, USAID/DAI/ASMED- August 2010. (Gary W. Bowersox)
- Tucson Gem Show Problems & Recommendations, USAID/DAI/ASMED, February 2010, (Gary W. Bowersox)
- Emerald Mines of Panjshir Valley (survey of all operating mines), USAID/DAI/ASMED, 8/20/09. (Gary W. Bowersox, Derrold Holcombe, Lawrence W. Snee)
- Ruby & Sapphire Mines, Jegdalek Valley (Survey of all operating mines), USAID/DAI/ASMED, 8/20/09. (Gary W. Bowersox, Derrold H. Holcomb, Lawrence, W. Snee)
- Colored Gem Course Syllabus, USAID/DAI/ASMED, April 2009, (Gary W. Bowersox)
- Assessment of Market Linkages in the Afghanistan Gemstone Industry, Sibley, International, USAID/DAI/ASMED, March 2009, (Gary W. Bowersox)
- Assessment and Cost of Promoting Afghanistan Gems, Minerals, Jewelry and Lapis Products at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show in February, 2010, Sibley, International, February 2009 (Gary W. Bowersox and Sophia Swire)
- Feasibility Study of ASMED Supported Participation at Tucson Gem Show, Sibley International, February 2009 (Gary W. Bowersox)
- Assessment of Afghanistan Gemstone Industry, Sibley International Corp. for USAID/DAI June 2007 (Gary Bowersox, Donna Sibley, Lawrence Snee, Mary Louise Vitelli esq.)