

CHARLES LEITNER

Writer, editor, and journalist with over ten years of experience. Proficiency in research, travel, magazine layout and design, and feature story writing. Passion for global travel and a desire to better understand the human condition. Interested in a broad range of topics involving conflict correspondence, environmental science, culture, travel and exploration etc.

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EXPERIENCE

The Vineyard Gazette — Editorial Intern

April 2026 to Present

- Publish 3-5 stories per week reporting on inter-governmental, environmental and cultural affairs.
- Deadline driven position that requires juggling multiple projects simultaneously.
- Manage sources, conduct interviews and provide diligent fact-checking to ensure stories are well covered.
- Work alongside driven editorial staff and participate in weekly editorial meetings.

U.S. Army — Platoon Sergeant

September 2025 to August 2026

- Organize and track daily operations of twenty U.S. and Korean service-members.
- Ensure service-members and equipment are well developed, maintained and ready to perform.
- Aid larger company operations while managing and delivering on the expectations of the company commander.
- Develop physical training plans.
- Lead training briefs.

U.S. Army — Public Affairs NCOIC

July 2025 to August 2026

- Senior enlisted service-member in charge of daily operations of the public affairs team in the U.S. Army Garrison Yongseon-Casey area of South Korea.
- Pitch and plan coverage of newsworthy events.
- Manage a small team of U.S. and Korean service-members working in the public affairs department.
- Work alongside civilian directorate to ensure sufficient coverage of the area in and around Camp Casey.

U.S. Army — Military Journalist

August 2021 to August 2026

- Detail oriented editorial role tasked with maintaining daily operations while adhering to the highest grammatical and AP style standards.
- Assigned to the 1st Infantry Division and deployed to Europe after the invasion of Ukraine to report on U.S. military components working alongside partners situated throughout Europe and the Eastern Bloc.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Literary analysis, journalism, feature story writing, editing, photography, magazine design/layout, editorial copywriting, research, marketing, interviewing, media production, leadership, military operations, foreign affairs, travel, skiing, surfing, hiking, fishing, camping, first-aid/CPR etc.

AWARDS

Staff Sgt. James P. Hunter Outstanding New Military Writer – Winner (2023)

Lt. Col. (R) Michael Grice Award – Second Place (2023)

Field Artillery Order of the Red Quill – Recipient (2023)

Paul D. Savanuck Military Writer of the Year – Honorable Mention (2022), 2nd Place (2024)

86th Annual Writer's

- Worked simultaneously on long form feature articles while maintaining editorial staff, travel, schedules and tight project deadlines.
- Ambitiously pursued stories that challenged industry standards.
- Reported on the evolution of drone warfare, large scale combat operations, weapons sales and manufacturing, as well as other emerging facets of international affairs and global conflict.
- Collaborated with peers to pitch story ideas and propel engaging content to relevant audiences.
- Generated a large readership with more than 100,000 engagements across hundreds of outlets and over thirty countries.

Freelance — Journalist

September 2016 to August 2021

- Hunt and write engaging stories on a wide variety of subjects.
- Proficiency in AP style format.
- Work has appeared in such places as 3:AM Magazine, The Ski Journal and The Red Hook Star Revue.

Biogen, Cambridge, MA — Contract Editor

January 2019 to June 2019

- Manage and regulate content via employee communications networks.
- Edit stories and articles for grammar and punctuation errors.
- Analyze and transform scientific pharmaceutical data into more digestible material.
- Participate in weekly editorial meetings to discuss and pitch story ideas.

United Planet, Boston, MA — Content Writer

June 2017 to June 2019

- Develop a global network of individuals interested in global volunteer work.
- Assist communications department by implementing strategic SEO marketing and releasing monthly newsletter campaigns.
- Write and pitch articles centered around travel, culture, education and global outreach.
- Produce podcast segments, constructed questions, researched topics, conducted interviews and scheduled future guests.

MXDWN, Los Angeles, CA (Remote) — Staff Writer

January 2017 to July 2017

- Author and pitch album reviews.
- Write and edit quality material on a deadline.
- Monitor existing trends in music culture.

EDUCATION

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA — B.A. English Literature

Fairfield College Preparatory School, Fairfield, CT — High School Diploma

Digest Writing

Competition – Honorable Mention, Nonfiction, Magazine Feature Article (2017)

Shore Scripts

Screenwriting

Competition – Short Screenplay Quarter Finalist (2014)

Urban Mediamakers Film

Festival – Official Selection for Short Screenplay (2014)

10th Annual SoCal Independent Film

Festival – Winner, Best Short Screenplay (2014)

LANGUAGES

English – Native

Spanish – Basic/ conversational