

Austin Capers, Army Veteran

Austin Capers, native Floridian, is a business development professional for Scientific Instruments, a cryogenic engineering company in West Palm Beach, Florida. Since graduating from FSU in 2013, Austin has had the opportunity to work directly with NASA, private space exploration companies, cryogenic product manufacturers and research institutions around the globe. He also serves on the board of directors for the Cryogenic Engineering Conference.

In 2004, Austin enlisted into the U.S. Army. As an 88K/Watercraft Operator, he served as a Seaman onboard several different Army vessels. In 2005, Austin volunteered to serve on a six-month support mission to Kuwait on-board an Army Landing Craft, the General Frank S. Besson Logistics Support Vessel (LSV). The ship transported battle damaged equipment throughout the Persian Gulf and beyond. In 2007, Austin volunteered, along with a small group of transportation soldiers, to deploy alongside the 10th Mountain Division. He served as a Gun-Truck Commander for fifteen months providing security for convoys throughout Iraq. Austin was awarded the Army Combat Action Badge and Army Commendation Medal for this period of Service.

Austin was honorably discharged in 2009 and decided to take advantage of his GI Bill school benefits at FSU. While on campus in Tallahassee he was very active in the student veteran community and served as the Vice President of the FSU Collegiate Veteran Association (CVA). He now lives in Hobe Sound, Florida with his wife Natalie and daughter Logan.

