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Dear Hiring Manager:

Please accept this application packet for the Historian position on USAJobs.gov. As an upcoming graduate of Texas A&M University’s Ph.D. program in history with a dissertation focused on military history, I would welcome the opportunity to help catalog the glory of the United States Air Force (USAF).

You are looking for an Historian who can accurately tell the USAF’s story to a broad audience. My research experiences make me an excellent candidate for the three primary areas you wish to focus.

1. You are seeking an Historian who can explain the wing’s effectiveness in accomplishing its mission despite problems encountered. I have successfully examined the historical record of Vietnam-era G.I.’s, including the odds that they overcame and have contextualized their triumphs against the socio-political landscape. I have a focused, nuanced analytical eye that is balanced, inclusive, and sympathetic to the historical subject. I would bring the same approach to the USAF’s history.
2. I have experience working with primary and secondary documents and have extensive experience with archival records. My dissertation project has resulted in an oral history, constructed from numerous interviews with veterans that makes up part a holistic monograph of Vietnam military history.
3. I have comfort with disseminating findings and have had work published in peer-review and op-ed publications such as *The Journal of Military History* and *Military Times.* I also have a proven ability to create work that is translated to services, most notably, some of my research being used to caption photographer Reveille M. Johnson’s military collages exhibited at the Houston Center for Photography.

I cannot think of a higher calling than to serve my country as an Historian of record. If you wish to speak further, please do not hesitate to reach out at 555-555-5555 or pjaggie@tamu.edu.

Very Truly Yours,

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