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Odenton, MD.

# VAL SCHAEFER

ARTISAN FRAMER

## SKILLS

- Project Management
- Receives constructive feedback with grace
- Critical and creative thinking
- Graphic design
- Woodworking
- Concept design and creation

## EDUCATION

Intelligence Operations B.A.  
American Military University

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- "Meet Val Schaefer" Stories and Insights, Canvas Rebel Magazine, 2023
- "Why They Do What They Do", Val Schaefer Artisan and Small Business Owner, Shoutout Colorado Magazine, 2023
- "Baltimore's Most Inspiring Stories, Conversations With Val Schaefer", Voyager Baltimore Magazine, 2022

## LECTURES

- Lecture, "Framing Outside of Your Comfort Zone", New England Professional Picture Framers Association FRAME CON, Worcester, MA, 2022

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Group Exhibition, Arbutus Arts Festival, Baltimore, County, MD
- 2023 Solo Exhibition, First Feature of Local Artist Wall of Recognition, Baltimore City, MD
- 2023 Solo Exhibition, Bridal Expo Washington, D.C.
- 2023 Group Exhibition, Villain Arts Convention, Baltimore, MD
- 2022 Group Exhibition, Arts Festival, Fells Point, MD
- 2022 Group Exhibition, Artist Block Party, Odenton, MD
- 2022 Hosted Group Exhibition, The ValCo Local Artist Popup, Waldorf, MD
- 2022 Group Exhibition, New England Professional Picture Framers Association FRAME CON, Worcester, MA
- 2021 Solo Exhibition, Upper Marlboro, MD

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Professional Picture Framers Association

## SUMMARY

Passionate self-taught artist creating in the form of the modern Victorian frame. Creations start as raw wood, and designs require up to 16 different profiles of moulding, dimensional lumber, and raw wood. Each length is handcrafted with color, finish, and a meticulous assembly process. You've never seen anything like it.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Owner Operator - Artisan Framer

ValCo Ornate Frames

2018 - present

- Self taught custom framer with a reputation within the framing industry as one of the most exciting and creative custom frame lines on the market.
- Designed, manufacturing, and debuted ValCo line of over 40 picture frames. Molding widths range from 1.5" to 12". The modern Victorian design ranges from simple to complex with up to 16 molding, trim, and dimensional lumber layers stacked.
- Designed, digitally created, and update 50+ page product catalog.
- Proficient in new frame, repair, and finish/color refresh.
- Proficient with different color mediums: stain, clear protective, paint, wax, gilding, aging solution, glaze, Micah powder.
- Host artist pop up events.
- Lecturer at FRAMECON 2022: inspiring framers with successful creations defying historical convention inspiring creativity in other framers. Requested by Rob O'Donnell.
- Work products displayed in multiple industry tradeshow educational courses focused on frame stacking and creativity.
- Establisher of brand, brand guide, and visual presence at public events and online.
- Independently learning and managing all functions of a small business.

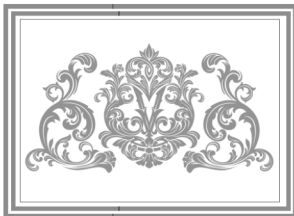
### Missile Development Systems Engineering Operations Lead, Supervisor

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

2016 - 2023

Executed duties of a systems engineering operational lead for numerous classified missile systems under development within complex Hardware in the Loop (HIL) test and evaluation environments.

- Created policies and procedures to ensure development activities are within government compliance standards and contractual deliverable timelines.
- Served as a liaison between contractor and government counterintelligence teams, management, and engineering teams to resolve policy and operational challenges to facilitate successful achievement of program milestone and ultimately fielding of advanced technology.
- Supervised 12 team members.



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## REFERENCES

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### Program Coordinating Officer, Policy and Compliance, Supervisor

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

2003- 2015

- Primary organizational counterintelligence liaison for contracts with Department of Defense entities and Intelligence Community to ensure the protection of national intelligence information.
- Interpreted government contractual requirements, developed affordable organizational policies and efficient operating procedures.
- Provided counterintelligence counsel to executive leadership and program technical stakeholders.
- Led teams in preparation for government compliance inspections.
- Managed program onboarding, monitoring, and closeout activities.
- Security support resource development and allocation
- Supervised 18 team members.

### Counterintelligence Special Agent

United States Army

2004 - 2007

- Detect, exploit, and neutralize counterintelligence threats to the United States.
- Performed counterintelligence and interrogation support to numerous Marine Corps, Army, Iraqi, and Kurdish units during Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Tactical Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Team (THT) and Mobile Interrogation Team (MIT) lead.
- Supervised 10 team members.

### Diplomatic Security

United States Marine Corps

1997- 2003

- Provided physical security and other specialized technical advice to U.S. Department of State diplomatic personnel at numerous embassies.
- Response force for the U.S. embassy, Ambassador, Deputy Chief of Mission and other American citizens.