

J.p. Lawrence

Overview and Top Stories

Contact at j.p.lawrence3@gmail.com. Award-winning multimedia journalist. 7 years experience writing news, 12 years experience in communications. Army vet and immigrant.

[Stars and Stripes](#): Sewage from US Embassy, NATO headquarters dumped into Kabul River

[The Intercept](#): Wounded in Iraq, Ugandans Fight for Compensation From America

[Stars and Stripes](#): US leaves Bagram Airfield as America winds down its longest war

[Stars and Stripes](#): Ceasefire brings Afghan units on unexpected trip to Taliban territory

[Albany Times Union](#): Clifton Park parents still seeking justice (led to reclassification of case)

Experience

STARS AND STRIPES, Afghanistan Reporter Feb. 2018 - Present, Kabul, Afghanistan

Reporter on war in Afghanistan. Broke stories the U.S. military wanted hidden. Wrote on zombie bases, secret COVID outbreaks, journeys to Taliban strongholds, battles with ISIS, and the final days of the war including the fraught evacuation at the end.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS, Reporter Aug. 2016-Nov. 2017, San Antonio, TX

Reported on impact of war, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, and Sutherland Springs shooting.

ALBANY TIMES UNION, Breaking News / Sept. 2015 to Aug. 2016, New York, N.Y.

Breaking news. 468 stories over a year. Broke news in racial discrimination trial. Investigation on unsolved death led to police reclassifying case. Undercover exposé about roadside zoo.

INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST, Freelancer 2012-Present, New York, N.Y.

Writing in the Intercept, VICE, the Guardian, BuzzFeed and the New York Review of Books.

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, Sergeant / 2008-2017, Troy, N.Y. and Rosemount, Minn.

Service in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Hurricane Sandy recovery, war games in Australia and Germany. Received Keith L. Ware awards, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal. Trained on M4, M249, M240B, combatives, convoy operations with Humvees.

Education

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Graduate School of Journalism, M.A., Political Journalism.

May '15, New York

Coursework includes international and U.S.-based political reporting, investigative journalism.

BARD COLLEGE, B.A., Anthropology/Written Arts, May '14, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Editor of award-winning college newspaper with reporters in Russia, Palestine and Kyrgyzstan. Division III cross-country captain.

Awards

2014 **Columbia Best Thesis Prize** - Wrote on Ugandans on American bases in Iraq

2014 **International Reporting Prize** - Writing on international issues: foreign aid to Uganda

2013 **Regional Emmy Award Winner** - On team chronicling soldiers on Iraq deployment

2013 **New York Press Association 2nd Place Feature** - Story on sports recruiting practices

Internships

ASSOCIATED PRESS, Overseas Press Fellow / Aug.-Sep. 2015, New York, N.Y.

NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, News Assistant / Summer 2015, New York, N.Y.

ABC NEWS, Early Morning News Intern / Summer 2013, New York, N.Y.

FOX SPORTS NORTH, Sports intern / Summer 2010, Minneapolis, Minn.