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Prior to working for Cadet Command, he was news editor of the Elizabethtown (Ky.) News-Enterprise. Most of his seven years there were spent managing a team of five reporters and two photographers, making assignments for the daily paper, coaching staff members and writing editorials and shooting some photos. Prior to that, he was the paper's military and city government reporter.

Before working at the News-Enterprise, Arel spent three years with the Gannett-owned Richmond (Ind.) Palladium-Item. Starting as the county government reporter, he was given the task of creating the paper's first health care beat and then became the business reporter.

Arel got his start in newspapers as an Army journalist. He spent nearly five years with Inside the Turret at Fort Knox, holding a variety of positions. His last role was as the paper's associate editor.

Arel won several Keith L. Ware Awards for writing and photography during his active-duty service. Just prior to leaving the Army, he was named the 1993 Department of Defense Sportswriter of the Year.

Arel, 40, is a native of Charleston, S.C. He is married with three children.