

VETERANS IN THE PEO EIS WORKFORCE SPOTLIGHT

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HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Since Feb 2013



1. WHAT WAS YOUR MILITARY BRANCH AND HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU SERVE?

I served 22 years in the United States Army.

2. WHAT LED YOU TO A CAREER WITH THE MILITARY?

I was going to college and working three part time jobs to pay for school. I was struggling to achieve balance and decided a major change was required, so I joined the Army to pay for my college. I received my Bachelor's degree 11 years later while serving in the Army.

3. HOW DOES YOUR CURRENT POSITION IMPACT THE SOLDIER?

I currently provide Program Management and leadership for 11 government personnel overseeing the execution of 12 contracts which employ over 290 contractors in locations throughout the Pacific. We deliver the full spectrum of OCONUS network, information, and infrastructure modernization services so that soldiers and commands can access, process, and act upon information anytime, anywhere thus enabling information dominance across all phases of Joint and Coalition Operations.

4. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVE DUTY STATION AND WHY?

I was stationed in Hawaii for six years. During that time, I was assigned to what is now known as the 9th Mission Support Command. Our mission was to assist the Army Reserve and National Guard throughout the Pacific in conducting over 20 exercises under the U.S. Army Pacific Command Theater Security Cooperation Program and executing humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and Defense Support of Civil Authorities. We conducted training and/or education every week somewhere in the Pacific area of operations. We also got to work the Federal Emergency Management Agency on numerous occasions. It is always rewarding working with soldiers and training them to handle real world events.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY OF YOUR MILITARY CAREER?

In my first acquisition assignment I was assigned to the Military Police School as a Combat Developer. A combat developer represents the user community throughout the materiel acquisition process. We took operational and functional requirements through the doctrine, organizational, training, material, leadership, personnel, facilities and policy, and analysis, as well as conducting Capabilities-Based Assessments and many studies that investigated warfighting capabilities and defined capability gaps. One of those studies determined that in 1996, the Army required a wheeled armored vehicle. The combat operations conducted in the Middle East just a few years later indisputably validated that study.

6. WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO YOU?

Being a veteran means you respect and appreciate all the past, present, and future military members. In every generation in my family there has been at least one veteran. A veteran truly appreciates and understand all of the sacrifices that have been made by other veterans and their families. You are thankful to live in this great country and share in the freedoms for which we're privileged enough to have and for which some veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice. It has been my pleasure to serve. If you want to thank a veteran for their valor and sacrifices, learn the Constitution, get informed, and vote. Don't allow the rights and freedoms that veterans fought, died, and bled for, to be squandered away.