

VETERANS IN THE PEO EIS WORKFORCE SPOTLIGHT

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TITLE: Acquisition Team Chief, Power Projection Enablers (P2E)

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Eleven years

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: *Awards:* Commander's Award for Civilian Service (3); *Education:* Master of Science, Project Management (MSPM), The George Washington University, Master of Arts, Public Administration (MPA), University of Oklahoma, Bachelor of Science (BS), Occupational Education, Wayland Baptist University; *Other Achievements of Note (Publications):* Army Logistics and Technology Magazine online: Faces of the Forces (Clements, Tara 2014, March 5); A Case Study in Acquisition Centralization, Army Logistics and Technology Magazine, pages 126-130 (Woodis, James, 2015, October 1)



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

I served 20 years in the United States Army.

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

I have many friends and family members who have served or are currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces. When I was a teenager, I used to imagine what it would be like to be a Soldier. I attended college after high school, but soon realized I was craving more challenging experiences. I wanted to be a part of something bigger. This led me to put college on the short term back-burner to serve in the military.

3. HOW DOES YOUR CURRENT POSITION IMPACT THE SOLDIER?

Working in the acquisition and procurement field directly impacts the Soldier. In my position as an Acquisition Team Chief, my role is leading the development of the Acquisition Requirement Package (ARP) to accurately reflect the Soldier requirements. Each ARP provides specific capabilities and technologies that meet the challenges of modernizing the worldwide Army's IT backbone and network infrastructure to provide operational forces modern solutions, while reducing shortfalls. This is achieved by introducing agile contracting solutions, focusing on continuous improvement, delivering essential high quality ARP documentation, and avoiding rework which can cause additional cost. The end result is providing the Soldier what they need, when they need it.

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

My favorite duty station is Izmir, Turkey, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) because it's one of the best kept Army secrets. I still remember the newcomers briefing from the Commandant. It wasn't just about supporting the Army and NATO mission, it was also about enjoying what Turkey had to offer. In addition to an opportunity to work with multinationals, this assignment provided the opportunity to explore into Turkey's history. For example, the seven churches from revelation are in Turkey; as a history enthusiast I loved that. The Turkish people were very welcoming and I was invited to many Sunday feasts; their food was amazing! Of all of my duty stations, Turkey provided me with the most positive experience; not only for the mission I supported, but for the opportunity to learn about the country as well.

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

After Desert Storm my brigade, the 207th Military Intelligence Brigade, was deactivated in Saudi Arabia. I was honored to be asked to carry the American flag during the ceremony, which was presided by Lieutenant General Frank, the 7th Corps Commander at the time.

6. WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO YOU?

As we all know, the freedom we enjoy in our country does not come easily and veterans help ensure every American is privy to this freedom. For me, one of the amazing parts of being a veteran is seeing how diverse America is and how we come together to serve this country. Being an American Soldier gave me a deep sense of pride to serve our country, and as a veteran, I am proud to be a part of a group that chooses to ensure the freedom we fought for is honored.