

# VETERANS IN THE PEO EIS WORKFORCE SPOTLIGHT

## Mr. Ki H. Kim

**TITLE:** Project Leader, Power Projection Enablers (P2E)-Pacific

**HOW LONG AT PEO EIS:** Two years

**AWARDS/EDUCATION/OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOTE:** Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Non-Article 5 NATO Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon



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

I served in the US Army Signal Corps for 30 years.

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

Other members of my family have served in the military and I followed their examples.

### 3. HOW DOES YOUR CURRENT POSITION IMPACT THE SOLDIER?

I am the project lead for the infrastructures that that allows soldiers to use the newly upgraded state-of-the-art Command Control Communications Computers and Intelligence. As a specific example, my team just finished the first phase of the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) Strategic Command Center modernization project as part of the USFK's Command Information Display System with upgrades totaling \$4.4 million in 14 months. As a result, the team provided the four star command HQs with the state-of-the-art theater secure video teleconferencing capability, which will save the Army huge operations and maintenance costs over the next 10 years.

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

Camp Doha, Kuwait where I served as the Southwest Asia – Theater Network Operations and Security Center director. I provided the operations and maintenance of the U.S. Military IT system directly contributing toward to the warfighters' command and control capability in supporting the Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom simultaneously.

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

I had the honor and opportunity to serve as a brand new platoon leader as a 2nd Lieutenant. I was responsible for over 40 soldiers and several million dollars' worth of tactical military assets coming right out the college. My mentor was an E-6 platoon sergeant who thought me how to become an officer.

### 6. WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO YOU?

I have the great privilege of serving the military of the most powerful nation in the world with three combat deployments. Having served a total of 30 years as a soldier, I can now say "I have been there, done that".