

1. WHAT DO YOU DO, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO THE SOLDIER?

I am an acquisition specialist for PL Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (PL DWTS), a division of PM Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS). Our job is important to the Soldier because we provide them the necessary short-haul and long-haul communications technologies to fight and win wars. Performing my job well provides the Soldiers in the field with the best equipment on schedule, within reasonable cost, and with the best capability to satisfy their mission.

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

I come from an Army family. My Dad was in the Thai Army for 30 years, and my brother followed in my dad's footsteps and served in the Thai Army for 15 years. My husband has served in the United States Army for 21 years and has deployed twice to Afghanistan. I always wanted to be part of something bigger than myself and working for the Army is immensely rewarding.

I started my career with the Army supporting the 175th Financial Management Center in South Korea, then held positions with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Polk and the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office at Fort Belvoir before joining the DWTS team in 2014.

3. WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS OR HEROES?

My husband is my hero as he is a U.S. Army Officer, and I see how much he has sacrificed for this Nation. He has deployed to combat zones many times, and I can still see his love for the Army is as strong as ever.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

I learned this quote from my father when I was younger and it has always resonated for me: "Light disperses darkness as wisdom disperses ignorance."

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

I would advise the next generation to get a good education, study hard and take nothing for granted, as I see education as the only way to improve ourselves. It takes time, but I believe in education as the key for humanity. Always put your best foot forward in everything you do, and have a great sense of pride in your organization.

**WALK TOGETHER,
EMBRACE DIFFERENCES,
BUILD LEGACIES**



ASIAN-AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Supatcharee "Pat" Suponcic

TITLE: Acquisition Specialist

TOTAL YEARS OF ARMY/FEDERAL SERVICE: Seven years and six months

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: One year and eight months

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: 1.) PL DWTS - Employee of month for July 2015 2.) Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) - Achievement Medal for Civilian Service October 2014.

