

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY SPOTLIGHT

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HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Five years

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 2015; BS in Information Systems Management; Master of Arts in Program Management



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

The Worldwide Technical Control Improvement Program (WWTCIP) is charged with operating state-of-the-art technical control facilities which provides and sustains the Global Command Terrestrial Communications Program, including long haul and terrestrial communications and video teleconference support to classified special users for the Army and other services.

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

It was the right time, right place for me. After leaving active duty with the Air Force (AF), I worked as an AF contractor in Japan. After some time, I needed a change and was ready to come back to the US. A job opportunity was presented to me that relocated my family and me back to the east coast to work for the Army. I have been with the Army ever since.

3. WHO WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR MENTOR AND WHY?

There is no way I could list just one. I have been very fortunate in my career to have had several senior level mentors. These individuals have always given me sound advice and direction in my career and I will always be grateful. There are too many to name but they know who they are. However, if I had to list one, it would be my grandfather who instilled in me the work ethic and mentality I have today.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

I do not really have a favorite quote but my kids, who are now adults, have heard me say this a million times: "Life is all about choices". Every choice you make has repercussions – both good and bad. You must be willing to accept or deal with the outcomes of those choices.

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN?

Do not be afraid. Seek the career path you desire by working hard, educating yourself and being willing to accept change.