

QUESTIONS

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

As The Product Director, Defense-Wide Transmission Systems, I carry the dual missions to provide transport capabilities to logisticians and critical infrastructure capabilities to the Warfighter worldwide. Think of me as an "AT&T" or "Verizon" carrier. I provide long-haul communications worldwide; a SATCOM network which allows soldiers to have access to the NIPRNet anywhere in the world the same as they would from a desktop computer at an office. It's all about enabling information dominance for our Soldiers through best-value solutions.

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

I joined the Army to make a difference and serve others to do servant leadership work. I've always enjoyed helping people and believe strongly in our civic duty to society, and to the government, to give something back through national service. One of my favorite past jobs is humanitarian missions, specifically my time spent in El Salvador rebuilding houses, schools, and roads following the 2001 earthquake. When people see "Army", they usually think of bullets and killing, but the United States Army is so much more than that. We do good for our society through humanitarian service, crisis response, and rebuilding nations and communities.

3. WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS OR HEROES?

My hero is my dad and will always be my dad. I even named my only son after him. My dad taught me early on in life about ethics and integrity. Those two were non-negotiable. He taught me to never compromise integrity at any cost. He taught me to always do the right thing all the time every time, even if you are not being watched.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

"Everybody can be great...Because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love"

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

Find your passion and go for it. Perseverance and hard work pays off. There are very few shortcuts in life to success.

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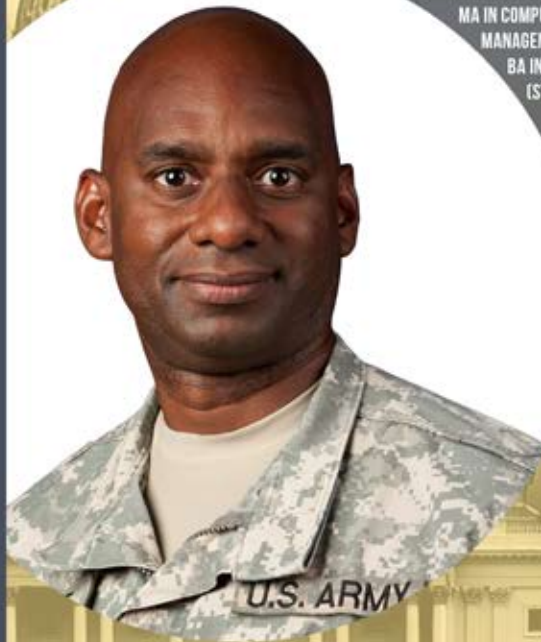
TITLE: PRODUCT LEAD, DEFENSE-WIDE TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: 8 YEARS

TOTAL YEARS OF ARMY SERVICE: 30 YEARS

AWARDS: MERITORIOUS SERVICE; ARMY ACHIEVEMENT AND ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS; JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL; AN ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL WITH M DEVICE; AN ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL; A NAT DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL; A GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL; A GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL; A HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL; AN AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL; A NATO MEDAL; AN ARMY SERVICE RIBBON; AND AN ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT OVERSEAS TRAINING RIBBON.

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