# WORKING TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION:

**Honoring Women** 

IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT

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

Since my arrival in PEO EIS, I have worked in three different offices. But there is a consistent thread to my efforts – performance evaluation and process improvement. Once you have been trained in LSS, you see everything through that lens. My mission is to help EIS programs deliver the most robust performance possible.

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

My undergraduate degree in Computer Science and commission in the Air Force led me to work in the Air Force Research Lab at Williams AFB. We were developing improved flight simulator technology. Once you work on development and acquisition, you are never satisfied with the current state. When the opportunity to work at EIS was presented I jumped at the job. I worked for several years on strategy maps and balanced scorecards. I am excited for the next opportunity to dig deeper into EIS strategy and improve EIS program performance.

## 3. WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS OR HEROES?

Grace Hooper – Navy Commander instrumental in designing the first military computer systems spoke at my ROTC detachment. Her inspirational message added focus to our training. My Father, John Riggs, Air Force Pilot whose dedicated 24 years of service inspired me to join the Air Force. My Grandfather, William Byrd Morgan whose 22 years of Army Service was the foundation for my appreciated of the Army.

### 4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

Jacqueline Cochran – Women's Air Force Service Pilot said that capacity never lacks opportunity. It cannot remain undiscovered because it is sought by too many anxious to use it.

### 5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

As I tell my Odyssey of the Mind team at each practice – Let's make today ridiculously amazing! As Einstein said "once you stop learning, you start dying."



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