

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Linda O. Jones

TITLE: Project Management Specialist/Master Scheduler, I3MP

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Less than one year

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: *Education:* PhD Education, MA Management, BA Political Science, & BA Business Administration; *Certifications:* Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), Security+, ITILv3



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

I am a Project Management Specialist/Master Scheduler. I help the Product Director (PD), Deputy Product Director (DPD), and Assistant Program Managers (APMs) by providing scheduling and risk management support. This is important because it helps the PD/DPD and APMs plan, execute and track cost, schedule and performance for projects under their purview in order to provide capabilities to Soldiers in a timely manner.

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

I joined the AL&T workforce approximately 10 years ago, first as a contractor and then transitioned to a Government civilian. I was a military brat and have always been around the military. While I did not join the service, I wanted to help and support those who serve and joining the AL&T Workforce allowed me the opportunity to do so.

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

Mrs. Krystal Guerrero was my mentor. When I initially entered this field she took me under her wing and was willing to teach me how to do everything she did, even if it was not assigned to me. She willingly shared her knowledge and helped me develop and refine my project management skills.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

My favorite quote is by Frederick Douglass, who said "[...] allowing only ordinary ability and opportunity, we may explain success mainly by one word and that word is WORK! WORK!! WORK!!! WORK!!!! Not transient and fitful effort, but patient, enduring, honest, unremitting and indefatigable work into which the whole heart is put[...] There is no royal road to perfection."

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN?

My advice is to not be afraid to take ownership of the task. If you see something that needs to be done, be willing to tackle the task even if you think you lack some of the required skills. You may discover skills and abilities you did not know you had.