

ASIAN-AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Dr. Li-Chuan Chen

TITLE: Technology Manager, GFEBS Technical Management Division

TOTAL YEARS OF ARMY/FEDERAL SERVICE: Seven years

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Three years

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: Ph. D. in Computer Science and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Maryland / Performance Awards: PEO EIS, 2015, 2014/ CERDEC, 2012, 2011 / Special Service Award and Letter of Appreciation from Director, ARL, 2009 / Letter of Appreciation from Commanding General RDECOM, 2009 / Special Recognition Award from CICI Technical Director, MITRE, 2002 / Spot Award, MITRE, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999 / Letter of Commendation from Department Head, NSWC, 1993 / Outstanding and Superior Performance Awards, NSWC, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1989



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

I am the Technology Manager for the Technical Management Division under General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) Program. My job involves leading a lab initiative to support emerging requirements for the GFEBS portfolio and directed my team to develop technology solutions for the new Army Contract Writing and System (ACWS) in accordance with Defense acquisition policies, standards, infrastructures, architectures and best practices of IT management and programs. This new system will replace the current legacy systems with the latest state-of-the-art technologies, providing the strongest level of security and efficiency in order to provide the procurement services for the weapon systems, research and development, installation, and construction for supporting our Soldiers' needs.

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

My first position in the Army was the Team Lead for the High Performance Computing Networking Branch at the Army Research Lab (ARL). I led a team to improve the efficiency of the ARL enterprise networks in a geographically-distributed network, ensuring 24x7 system operation at maximum efficiency and security. I enjoyed the opportunity to expand my knowledge of modern networking systems, the challenges of managing a diverse group of individuals, and the personal friendships that I have maintained long after leaving.

3. WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS OR HEROES?

My heroes are Soldiers and my mother. Soldiers sacrifice their lives to protect the country. Without them there are not any homes for us. My mother was a strong woman of good character, always thinking first of others before herself. She taught me the lessons of kindness, integrity, and self-reliance.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, and moral courage. It is about how we treat and help others.

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

Think of each new day as an opportunity to improve yourself - learn something new, show kindness to others without expecting anything in return, and do the right thing.

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

