

MAJ Tony A. Jones

TITLE: Assistant Product Manager

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: Approximately two years & two months

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE:

EDUCATION: B.A. in Sociology from Georgia State University; M.B.A. with concentration in International Business from Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University **AWARDS:** DAIWIA Level 3 Program Management Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; CY08 Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award



1. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SERVED?

25, of which seven were in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman.

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

Although I enjoyed my time with the US Navy, I wanted to see what a different branch of the service was like. Quite interested in the Army's OCS program, I was sold.

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

I can't really narrow it down to one individual. It has been a collective of personalities throughout my military career that have been impactful. Within the Army Acquisition Corps, I consider COL Alfred Abramson III a model mentor due to his pragmatic approach to Leadership as well as his methodical way-of-thinking in regards to Program Management. He once utilized an analogy of comparing rowing to Program Management/Leadership. ["The Coxswain, the 'Leader', who doesn't row but uses a rudder to steer and coaches throughout the race. Rowing requires balance, flexibility and coordination hence what is needed within a team to succeed."]

4. HOW MANY PLACES HAVE YOU LIVED AND WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

Great Lakes, IL; Bethesda, MD; Camp Lejeune, NC; Somalia, Africa; United Arab of Emirates; Malaga, Spain; Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Salisbury, NC; Bel Air, MD; Ewa Beach, HI. Several deployments have allowed me to experience living conditions in Pakistan, Iraq, and parts of southwest Asia. My favorite thus far is Atlanta, GA being that is where my family resides.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY OF YOUR MILITARY CAREER?

I would have to say my favorite story would be when I earned my Shellback credentials upon crossing the Equator on the U.S.S Nashville (LPD-13). It was an early morning when the salt water started spraying and trying to maneuver my way up to the top deck proved to be a daunting task. And there at the end was the Royal Baby...a memory I will never forget.

6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ARMY TRADITION?

I would have to say that the Challenge Coin would be my favorite tradition. It is one that fosters camaraderie in the military and few traditions are as well-respected as the practice of carrying a challenge coin. I've heard many a story on how and when this particular tradition began...and it also changes depending on the Armed Services. No matter the origin, it always concludes with a sense of esprit de corps and usually a beer.