

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

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TITLE: Assistant Product Manager / Defense-Wide Transmission Systems

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: One year three months

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School; B.S. in computer science from the University of Georgia; Level II certified in program management



1. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SERVED?

I have been serving for 12 years.

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

I joined ROTC at the University of Georgia. My initial plan was to serve my required number of years (four years because I had a ROTC scholarship) and use the experience to get a good job in the private sector. However, the four years went by and I was really enjoying what I was doing, so I decided to stay in the Army longer.

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

I have been fortunate to serve under many great leaders so it is hard to pick just one as my mentor. Each leader has shared with me one nugget of knowledge that is critical to being a good leader and I have tried to incorporate that into my leadership style. One theme that is consistent across all my mentors is the importance of taking care of your people. Take care of your people and the mission will take care of itself.

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

Since joining the Army I have been stationed at eight locations (Ft Knox KY, Ft. Hood TX, Augusta GA, Ft. Campbell KY, Daytona Beach FL, Monterey CA, Adelphi MD, Ft. Belvoir VA). Though I only lived there for 18 months, Monterey, CA was my favorite.

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

One of my favorite stories took place after I took command of my recruiting company. Two days after my change of command, the Battalion participated in a quarterly update brief to the Brigade commander. The night before the briefings, there was a social event with all the other Battalion and Company officers. At some point during the event, while talking with my fellow company commanders, someone came up to the group and started talking to us. During the conversation he asked if I knew who he was and I said I didn't. Well, it turned out to be the Brigade commander, who I had never met or even seen a picture of until I saw him in person. He made a point to bring that up over the next few days during the briefings.

6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ARMY TRADITION?

One of my favorite Army traditions is the changing of command. The ceremony is rooted in military history and dates back to the 18th century. The passing of the guidon (unit flag) signifies the changing of leadership and with it, the dedication, loyalty and trust of the Soldiers. An important take away from the ceremony is the fact that leaders will come and go, by the mission will continue to strive on.