

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SPOTLIGHT

## Mr. Miguel Campos

**TITLE:** Budget Analyst, Project Lead Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (PL CHES)

**HOW LONG AT PEO EIS:** Six years

**AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE:** Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems "Hero of the Month" Award, CHES Employee of the Quarter, Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, BS in Business Management with a minor in Information Technology from George Mason University, Business – Financial Management Level II Certified, DoD Financial Management Level II Certified.



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

I serve as the primary budget analyst for budget execution and support the Project Lead Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (PL CHES) in financial, operational, and mission goals. Working alongside the financial manager, it is my responsibility to ensure taxpayer money is used efficiently in support of the soldier. At CHES, we ensure there are contractual vehicles in place that allow the Army and the DoD to purchase commercial-off-the-shelf IT hardware, software, and services at discounted prices based on consolidation of requirements. This provides the Army maximum cost avoidance, which allows the Army to use the saved funds for their mission requirements in direct support of the soldier.

### 2. DESCRIBE HOW AND WHEN YOU CAME TO WORK AT PEO EIS.

During my time at George Mason University, I took advantage of the student services provided by the University Career Office and came across the Student Career Experience Program. This program allowed students with a certain GPA the opportunity for a paid internship within the Department of Defense. After applying for the financial management internship, I was contacted and interviewed for a position with PEO EIS. After eagerly waiting for a call back, I was offered a position within the Business Management Division (BMD) at PEO EIS. After one year supporting PEO Headquarters, I began working for the BMD at CHES, where I currently work now.

### 3. WHO ARE YOUR ROLE MODELS?

My role models are definitely my parents. Their work ethic, values, and life lessons are something that I have always admired and aspire to achieve myself. Both of my parents have always worked hard and always made sure our family had food, shelter, clothing, and any other necessities. My parents emphasized the importance of showing respect to family, friends, neighbors, teachers, coworkers, and others within the community. In addition to respect, they instilled the importance of manners, humility, and politeness. These values helped me establish a strong foundation and showed me that being polite and respectful towards others is vital to maintaining good relationships. Most importantly, they taught me that nothing is simply handed to you and that you have to work hard to get ahead in life.

### 4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CULTURAL TRADITION?

It's hard to pick a favorite cultural tradition because there is always something going on! Whether it's the birth of a new family member, a baptism, a birthday celebration, a quinceañera celebration, weddings/anniversaries, or just a simple family get-together, you can always count on family being there to celebrate. My mom and my aunts cook so many delicious foods including paella, pastas, rice, salads, soups, pupusas, etc. My dad and uncles are usually outside grilling steak, ribs, chorizos (spicy sausages), burgers, and hot dogs. Both the younger kids and the older kids are outside kicking the soccer ball or throwing the football. Sadly, this is something that you don't see a lot of nowadays, so it's good to see the younger ones focusing on something other than their electronics. One thing is for certain, everyone is together, everyone sits down to eat, and everyone is enjoying each other's company.

### 5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

My advice to the next generation would be to make the best use of every moment. Although there will always be obstacles in one's path, do whatever is necessary to overcome them. It might not be the easiest thing to do but overcoming obstacles is what leads us to be able to accomplish great things. Be sure to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves, take calculated risks, and if and when you fail at something, try again. Lastly, be respectful to each other and gain knowledge wherever possible.