

1. WHICH PARENT WAS IN THE MILITARY?

Father, United States Marine Corps (USMC), MSgt E-8.

2. HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU MOVE GROWING UP?

Six.

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

Truthfully, it was pure luck. I had applied for jobs at Fort Belvoir, Harry Diamond Labs (a former research facility located in Woodbridge) and Quantico due to the proximity of where I lived. Fort Belvoir was the first one to offer me a position.

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

I lived in four different locations (we were stationed at Quantico twice) and of those four Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, was my favorite. During the summer we caught the military buses (driven by Marines, of course) to Onslow Beach where we spent all day in the water (pre-“Jaws”) and ate the best sandy, salty french fries.

5. WHAT VALUES DID YOU LEARN GROWING UP IN THE MILITARY?

Honesty, Fairness, and “once a Marine, always a Marine”.

6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY FROM GROWING UP IN THE MILITARY?

My favorite story would have to be when, on my 10th birthday, I was able to apply for and receive my first Military ID card, and I could not wait to make my first purchase at the PX. I went to the PX to purchase a Commodores album — yes, I said album — only to find out that the clerk at the ID office had made a typo on my application so my ID card was issued and expired on the same date. Needless to say, I was crushed. We raced back to the ID card office to get a new one issued and I was able to make my purchase after all. I still have that album.



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TITLE: Chief, Business Management Division, Enterprise Services

TOTAL YEARS OF ARMY/FEDERAL SERVICE: 33 years

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: 28 years

EDUCATION: BA in Business Administration

AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS: **Awards:** Commander's Award for Civilian Service, The International Society of Logistics (SOLE) – Greater Washington Area Chapter, Financial Management Award, Several Performance Awards and the PEO EIS Nominee for the Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Award. **Achievements:** Certifications in Business/ Financial Management and Program Management; Member of American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) – Mt Vernon Chapter.



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