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CAPT Kan has been an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) since 1996 and has experience in program management, systems engineering, and test and evaluation. He currently serves as Program Manager, Navy Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW 146), Program Executive Office Space Systems located at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego, Calif.



CAPT Kan was commissioned in 1990 from Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island. Following completion of nuclear training, he served onboard USS ALBANY (SSN 753) as Electrical Officer, Chemical and Radiological Controls Assistant and Assistant Operations Officer. He next served as submarine weapons operational test director at Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force.

CAPT Kan graduated from the University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Astronomy. He earned a Masters of Engineering Management from George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science. From Naval Post Graduate School, he received the Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineer and Masters of Astronautical Engineering degrees and also completed the Total Ships System Engineering program.

CAPT Kan's EDO assignments started at SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston, Detachment Norfolk where he coordinated C4ISR modernization for several deploying battle groups. At the National Reconnaissance Office he served as a payload sub-system manager, chief systems engineer and mission development lead for a National Imagery Satellite Program. In July 2006, he took over as the senior course director and executive officer at EDO School. He next volunteered for Individual Augmentation and deployed to Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan as the Deputy Engineer. Subsequently, he transferred to the Navy's Program Executive Office C4I in San Diego in April 2009 and served as the Deputy Program Manager of PMW 790 (Shore and Expeditionary Integration Program Office). In this position, he was responsible for C4I integration, modernization and sustainment for 35 major shore customers.