“ASPE is more than a trade association. ASPE is like a second family to me. I have made many, many close friends in ASPE who have become an integral part of my life, both professionally and personally. When I walk into the room of any ASPE meeting, the commonality of purpose and interest make me feel immediately at home amongst my peers.”

WHAT BOOK DO YOU RECOMMEND EVERYONE SHOULD READ? WHY? Starship Troopers, by Robert A. Heinlein. This book is not only a good sci-fi read, but it also is filled with lessons in honor, duty, and morality that are pertinent and indicative of today’s society. This book was written in 1959, yet the lessons and situations contained within are reflective of modern times.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OUTSIDE OF YOUR CAREER? I was meant to be a Father. Although it is not necessarily a personal achievement, watching my boys grow into strong, independent, and funny men gives me a great deal of pride and satisfaction.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL? Liger is pretty much my favorite animal. It’s like a lion and a tiger mixed... bred for its skills in magic.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK? I enjoy deep-sea fishing, painting (it’s a new hobby!), triathlons, camping, reading, watching all sorts of movies, building props, and stargazing.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC, BAND, AND/OR SONG? I am a Metalhead. \m/

WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX? Binge watch The Office and pet my dog.

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME? HOW DID YOU GET IT? Socko. When I was a teenager my Grandmother had a stroke and couldn’t say my name correctly. My friends heard her call me sock, hence ‘Socko.”

IF YOU COULD LIVE ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE? I would like to live in Big Sur, California. I would love to live on a high bluff amongst the redwood trees where they meet the coastline.