



MEET THE OFFICERS OF 35D

INTERVIEWED BY SGT JOSHUA LIM



**CPT OMAR PRIMICIAS 35D,
 INTELLIGENCE OFFICER**

How long have you been in this unit?

- I've been in the 501st for 2 years. I was an Active Duty Officer initially working in the S2 shop and became a TPU member of the BDE in October 2012.

What unit were you in previously?

- I was in the 378th MI BN, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

What do you do on the civilian side?

- I am an intelligence planner for USFK J2

Have you ever served on active duty? If so, how does it compare to the reserve?

- Yes, similar except on active duty you are doing your job every day.

Do you know any of the active duty members of the 501st?

- I actually know most of them because I came off active duty orders while in the 501st.

What training would you like to see your unit conduct?

- I think it would be cool if we could do some airborne training.

Why did you join the Army Reserve?

- To serve the greatest nation on earth!

How do promotions work for TPU soldiers?

- TPU officers need to make sure they stay on top of the board files and educational requirements required for the next higher rank. Reserve boards convene only once annually and it is important to keep your documents updated.



**CPT RONALD LUI 35D,
 INTELLIGENCE OFFICER**

How can the 501st MI BDE improve its TPU program to help better your military career and deployment readiness?

- The 501st has established a medical readiness program with

medical facilities in garrison to provide support to our annual medical requirements. This definitely helps by getting the immunizations, dental, and PHA support to meet the command's readiness goals. Additionally, we get training opportunities to support theater level exercises on the Korean peninsula.

However, in the near future, I hope to see a much greater TPU training structure to see soldiers get MOS career development training, to include attending courses on and off the peninsula.

How can you support the 501st MI BDE as a reservist?

- Besides participating in theater level exercises, we have plenty of opportunities to work with our active duty counterparts and support the 501st with our various experiences. The 501st is always looking for reservists to support their war-time mission and functions. I have gotten a chance to serve in the BDE S3 shop on multiple occasions and to work with great Soldiers to understand what their work load entails.



**MAJ ALLISON MARSCHEAN 35D
 FILLING A 46A,
 PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER**

How long have you been in this unit?

- I've been assigned to the 501st since March 2012.

What brought you to this unit?

- My husband PCSed to Camp Red

Cloud and my daughters and I were fortunate to be able to join him.

Does your Army Reserve experience assist you in your civilian career?

- I'm a full-time mom with twin girls so, coming to drill once a month helps to recharge my batteries and gives me a change of pace.

What training would you like to see your unit conduct?

- I would like to see us doing more organized activities for PT and maybe even get to the EST (Engagement Skills Trainer).

How do you like serving in Korea and why?

- I like being here. I like the fact that I have an opportunity to learn the language, culture, and to try different foods. Not only that, but Korea is a great launch point to travel to other Asian countries like Japan, China, and Guam. I've been to Japan a couple of times, but I really want to get to China!

Have you ever served on active duty? If so, how does it compare to the reserves?

- I was active duty for 10 years and 3 days. I noticed it takes longer to get paid and to get other administrative work done.

How does the 501st MI BDE, support you/us?

- Well, I needed an OER for the ILE board and the unit ensured that it was completed in a timely fashion, which was wonderful!

Have you participated in an exercise since you've been here? What role did you play and where did you go?

- I participated Ulchi Freedom Guardian this past summer. I attended the Communications Working Group meetings virtually where ideas were generated in order to support the realness of the exercise. I had the opportunity to really organize and get the BDE UPARS on the right track and to coordinate other means of collecting news worthy stories to get the 501st story out there. 