

I Am Greene County

Family: My wife Hitomi and our children Adam, Alexis and Ace.

Favorite song: I don't have a favorite song I love music in general! You can get in the car with me and the trip starts with Jason Aldean, jump to Lizzo, and finish up with some Bob Marley!

Hobbies: Anything outdoors, Spartan races, and volunteering.

What is the meaning behind the name "Arigato Farms LLC": Well I'm nearing the end of my journey with the Navy and wanted to start a farm in the Miller area because we love the people here! The farm name literally means "THANK YOU FARMS LLC" in Japanese.

How long have you been in the military: 19.5 years.

What made you decide join the Navy: Originally I joined out of necessity. I grew up in a bad situation and the Navy started as an outlet for me to escape. At year 11 I was offered to go recruiting and found a whole new love for what I do. I spend my days in essence directing the lives and careers of 38 Sailors and their families pushing me to find ways for my team to succeed in every aspect of their lives. It really forces you to dig deep and find a way to get the job done. In the 9 years roughly that I have been in my current position, I have directly impacted the lives of over 1,000 Sailors, their families and communities.

What do you enjoy most about owning your own farm: The seclusion from the world if I want it! I can go outside and get a real break from reality. Just take a walk or fix a fence or the 1,000 other things that need to be done and never see anyone if I need that alone time.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten: probably uncooked horse meat overseas but I'm pretty sure that I ate rat meat from a street vender in Thailand.

It's Saturday night, what can you more than likely be found doing: Sleeping! I work in St. Louis Monday through Friday and Saturday nights are not real eventful these days.



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