

DCMA Denver Reservist Raises the Bar

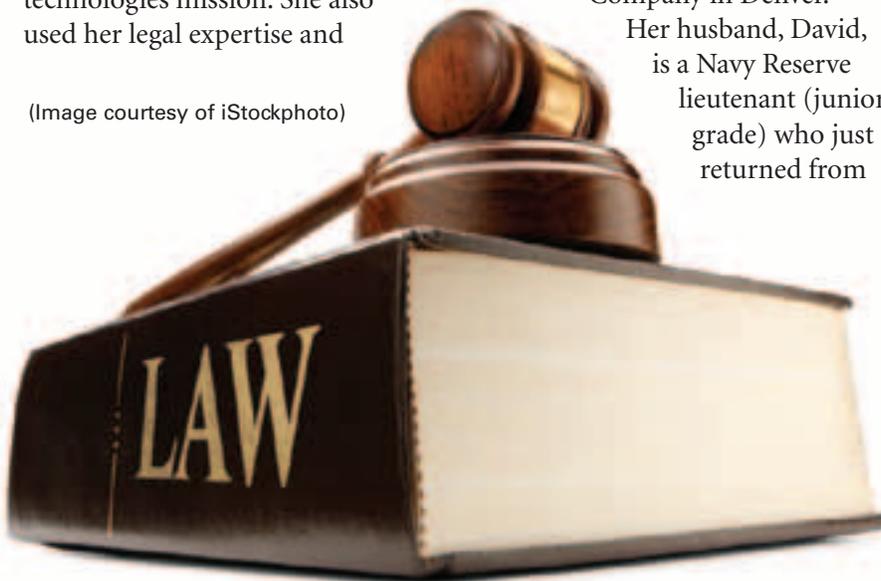
**Air Force Reserve Col. Cliff Chi
Joint Reserve Team Leader**

Air Force Reserve Maj. Karrie Bem achieved a career milestone by passing the Colorado bar exam in July 2009. Bem joined Defense Contract Management Agency Denver in May 2007 as a captain, becoming a major a year later.

As a Reservist contracting officer, Bem has been an asset to her contract management office, the DCMA Space and Missile Systems Division and the agency.

Bem recently corrected more than 200 active contracts valued at \$10 million, providing support to Air Force Space Command's global technologies mission. She also used her legal expertise and

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incorporated patent clauses in 83 contracts ensuring government data rights are protected.

In addition to her work within DCMA, Bem has been a military ambassador representing the Air Force at 14 schools in the Denver area. She recruited and mentored 16 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and Air Force Academy candidates.

Navy Capt. Jeffrey "Kash" Grimes, DCMA Denver commander, says, "Karrie is the total package — leader and officer!"

In civilian life, Bem is an attorney specializing in government contracts for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in Denver.

Her husband, David, is a Navy Reserve lieutenant (junior grade) who just returned from



Air Force Reserve Maj. (pictured as a captain) Karrie Bem works with contracts in her regular job with Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company and as an Air Force Reservist with Defense Contract Management Agency. (Photo courtesy of Kerrie Bem)

a 10-month deployment in Kirkuk, Iraq, as a contingency contracting officer.

When she is not working on both careers, Bem relaxes by playing soccer, spending time in the Colorado Rockies and cheering on her favorite team, the Denver Broncos. **C**