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First Sgt. Vicente A. Samson is the senior enlisted advisor of the Spokane Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He enlisted in the Army at the Anchorage MEPS in February 1999, and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

First Sgt. Samson served as a motor transport operator and squad leader, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, Fort Riley, Kansas; human resources sergeant, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan; recruiter, Warner Robbins Recruiting Company, Columbus, Georgia; senior personnel service sergeant, 244th and 266th Quartermaster Battalions, Fort Lee, Virginia; noncommissioned officer in charge, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy Singapore and Brunei; and senior human resources sergeant, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

His professional military education includes Basic, Advanced, Senior and Master Leader Courses, Army Recruiter Course, Air Assault School, and the Security Assistance Management - Overseas Course. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Post University, Waterbury, Connecticut.

First Sgt. Samson's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, and various service, unit and campaign medals and ribbons. He also earned the Army Gold Recruiter badge, Air Assault badge and Driver's badge.