



Asian American Executive of the Year

Liem W. Vu

Senior Manager
Boeing Defense, Space & Security
The Boeing Company

Citation of Accomplishment:

Liem Vu has demonstrated sustained leadership and engineering contributions in the development of avionics, software, weapons systems, test facilities and training simulators in support of military aircraft programs and combat systems.

Liem Vu is a senior manager with the C-130 AMP – Mission System Integrated Product Team (IPT) within Boeing Defense, Space & Security. He currently manages the software, avionics and system integration facility IPTs, which together comprise a majority of the engineering development team for the C-130AMP (Avionics Modernization Program). His team recently completed flight testing and delivered two aircraft to the U.S. Air Force. Under Vu's leadership, the program is exceeding customer expectations by demonstrating system reliability two to three times better than specified by the contract. Vu also is leading his team through a challenging relocation process to Oklahoma City, OK. The first phase – moving test lab hardware – was completed per plan.

Vu's career spans more than 30 years at Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. He led development of simulator systems and simulation software for numerous programs, greatly contributing to the success of the C-17, Future Combat Systems and C-130AMP programs.

Vu was born in Viet Nam and came to the United States as a refugee with very limited English. He finished high school in California and went on to study at the University of California, Irvine, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. In 2009, he completed PMT-401 program manager studies at Defense Acquisition University, part of the Defense Systems Management College in Virginia.

Vu and his wife have three children. He enjoys playing tennis, practicing martial arts and playing guitar.

