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Kay Izumihara is a native of Cerritos, California and currently resides in Arlington, VA with her husband, twin children, and two cats. She received her Bachelor of Arts from UC Irvine, California. She then received her Master of Science from Columbia University, New York, with a clinical license in Occupational Therapy.

MAJ Izumihara has been in the U.S. Army Reserves (USAR) for 20 years, with about a third of her Army career spent on active duty. She began her career as an enlisted member, then transitioned to the officer corps in 2010. Her overseas tours include Guantanamo Bay, Iraq, Italy and multiple African countries, serving in various roles in Civil Affairs, Mental Health, Security Cooperation, and Intelligence. She is currently assigned to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) and provides support to the Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC). MAJ Izumihara's awards include the Combat Action Badge (2009), Army Commendation Medal (3), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal (5), along with many other service awards.

Prior to her change of duty station with her active duty, U.S. Coast Guard husband, Kay was employed as a Department of Army Civilian at U.S. Army Pacific headquarters supporting the Chief of Staff. She was also an active member of the Joint Diversity Advisory Council at USINDOPACOM.

During her free time, Kay enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and reading Japanese books to her twins, and exploring the DMV.