

Q&A

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What made you decide to have a civilian career with the Army?

I am prior-enlisted Navy and have always enjoyed working for the Department of Defense, both in and out of uniform. I enjoy working as an Army civilian because it is **progressive, challenging** and my core values are symbiotic with the Army’s core values.

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

There are **many tangible benefits**, such as comprehensive **health and life insurance** options, **paid leave and retirement** with matching employer contributions. However, I’ve been most impressed with the amount of **training** offered. I attended the Advanced Civilian Education

System course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas within a year of starting at GLWACH which built my leadership skills and improved my ability to critically think about complex decision making.

What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

My most memorable experience was meeting Lt. Gen. Scott Dingle, the 45th Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Medical Command commanding general, and Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, director of the Defense Health Agency in Falls Church, Virginia. They visited Fort Leonard Wood in June for the new hospital groundbreaking. It is always beneficial to hear the way forward from the top leaders.

What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming an Army civilian?

My advice would be to find a mentor within the field you’re looking to apply to and get a feel for the overall mission. Having a mentor who can help translate your experience into an effective resume is essential when applying to civil service positions.

