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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I did three enlistments as an active-duty Soldier and completed my master's and bachelor's degrees while I was in. When I transitioned, I went to work for the state of Missouri for a couple years, and then I kept applying back here until I got a job. **I love working with Soldiers and was very proud of my service.** Being able to serve those who are serving is an important aspect of my career.

What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

My favorite part about my job is teaching classes and talking to

people. We cover uncomfortable topics, but I find if I keep it respectful, we have good conversations. **I'm pleased with the kind of feedback we get from the classes we do here, and that's what makes it my favorite aspect of my job.**

What are the benefits of being a DA Civilian?

I know there's a system in place that protects not only me and who I am, but my coworkers. **I also like the fact that we get the opportunity to make real changes.** If we go to our leadership and say 'this is the change that we need to make,' my leadership listens, and we make changes. So, that's a real reward and makes this workplace something more than what I've had at other places.

What advice would you give to someone thinking of becoming a DA Civilian?

Keep trying. I put in 50 applications before I got this job. Sometimes you get accepted for a job and it takes them a long time to get you on board, and sometimes it's quick, but you must be patient.

