

# Q & A

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Installation Radiation Safety Officer Anthony Riley inspects part of an obstacle course during an annual inspection Dec. 15 at Camp Clark in Nevada, Missouri. As part of the Garrison Safety team, Riley is responsible for ensuring the safety of individuals on Fort Leonard Wood through inspections, accident investigations, safety briefs and training classes.

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### Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I chose to become a DA Civilian because I missed the camaraderie and teamwork the Army provided. I retired in 2015 and went straight to work for a civilian corporation. It wasn't a bad job, but I realized they didn't have the camaraderie the military has. **I think the military is like one big family, so deciding to come back as a DA Civilian was an easy choice for me** because it put me back among like-minded people.

### What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

I was stationed here from 2006 to 2009, at the Chemical Defense Training Facility. I'm a country boy from Georgia, and St. Robert, Missouri, gave me

that country vibe when I was stationed here. **Choosing to come back here was like coming home for me.**

### What advice would you give to others who are considering becoming a DA Civilian?

To me, it seemed like it was a difficult thing to get into, and it took longer than I expected, but keep trying. You won't regret it. **Once you get into it, you have the opportunity to grow every day.** You get to meet some interesting people, and some people you will not forget who will become lifelong friends.

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

Ensuring safety – I know that sounds a little cliché, but **as the Garrison Safety department, the fact that we can help**

**everyone make it back to their loved ones safely is probably the best part of my job.** When we go into a facility to conduct an inspection and find something that could potentially cause harm to someone, and we're able to fix it, or give recommendations to fix it, that brings the most joy to me knowing that we prevented an accident.

