Q&A

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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

The area really stood out for me and my wife – she's also a DA Civilian at the hospital and she really enjoys her job. After I retired, we thought it'd be easier to find one job as opposed to finding two, so we purchased a home here before I eventually retired out of the Army. I was pursuing a career in HR, and it just so happened they were looking for military HR people. I enjoy doing it because it's a way to give back to the Soldiers. **Taking care of military community — that's where I get my joy from.**

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

The best part of being a DA Civilian is seeing how the Army changes, and even though it's only been two, going on three years now since I retired, a lot has changed. **I also like seeing all the personnel I used to work with take care of our Soldiers like when I was active duty.** Some of them are still here working, and it's kind of neat to make that link from when I was a Soldier to now being a civilian.

What advice would you give to others who are considering becoming DA Civilians?

I would tell them to **think about what career path they'd like to choose, or think about the location where they'd like to live.** I would also say get with a mentor who is a DA Civilian or has a background knowledge of working as a DA Civilian. There are so many opportunities out there. There are jobs out there I didn't even know existed and they're all over the place. Whether you want to work from home, work overseas or if you want to work here in the states — there are all sorts of opportunities.

What does leadership look like to you?

Leadership is setting a positive example for our personnel to follow, whether it is in how we interact with our customers, or how we interact with one another day-to-day.