

# Q & A

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#### Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

Early in my career, I determined that I desired to live a purposeful life by doing the things that bring me the greatest joy, and that is working to develop answers to problems that exist within our society. **If I can solve a human problem, I can potentially bring a better opportunity for quality of life to someone else.**

My career as a DA Civilian met my goals and desires while allowing me to meet the needs of others. **I could not pass up the opportunity to work in a capacity that allows me to mitigate or solve problems** that can change not only the trajectory of an individual's life, but the lives of their family and potentially generations.

#### What do you like most about your job/career as a DA Civilian?

I enjoy being a member of diverse working groups or teams solving complex problems affecting our service members and our nation.

**Many complex problems have been solved by those who serve and work within the military community.** Who wouldn't want to be a part of such an organization?

#### What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

**The greatest benefit for me is serving and playing a role in the defense of our nation by working for our nation's military.** The salaries are competitive with other agencies, and you can serve in critical positions worldwide. You also have the opportunity to grow and develop professionally and personally through civilian training, education and mentorship within the respective career fields.

#### What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

I was teaching a course at Fort Hood, Texas, on April 2, 2014, when the director of the education center came into the classroom and informed me a shooting had just taken place. Law enforcement

asked if I could assist in providing psychological support to those who were in proximity to the incident, and those having to investigate the horrific ordeal.

I worked into the night, and for several days, along with others, to provide the psychological support needed for such a traumatic event. **I recall many offering their gratitude for my availability, and helping them to process the event early to avoid potential prolonged or long-term effects.** But for me, I was grateful for the honor and privilege of being there in that moment to serve those who serve others.

