

Q&A

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

I am a legacy pledge for the Army — both of my parents were in the Army when they met, and my dad made it a 33-year career. The Army had the **best training program** for the printing profession I wanted as a career, so I joined up. From that point, the Army just kept offering **great opportunities** and I gratefully accepted them as they came along. It has been a great 37-year ride so far — 25 years as a Soldier — and **I have grown at every challenge and opportunity.**

What do you like most about your Army civilian career?

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the help of some great mentors, **I've built skills** that navigate processes, assist Soldiers and facilitate solutions more effectively. At this point, the highlight of my week is when a Soldier contacts me and gives me a problem set that I really had not thought about before; we gather a team to address the issue and either resolve it or set a solution in motion.

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

I've enjoyed finally putting down long-term roots in one place — I was an Army brat after all — as well as the stability of doing a job that I absolutely believe makes a difference for our country and our Army. I love the military community — the **diversity of thought, experience and**

background, bound together with the **likemindedness of service** to each other and the country.

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

Get to the heart of your reason for wanting to serve, and always ask yourself how you can improve your customer's experience. Deliver the best product you possibly can, no matter the task.

