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Q & A

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Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

I wanted to support the military because several of my family members served in the military, and my son is currently in the Army. **Growing up, my father worked on Fort Leonard Wood, and I met a lot of wonderful people because of his job.** I saw their dedication and selfless service, and wanted to do whatever I could to support them.

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

The people. I started at a battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, then moved to a brigade, then the Staff Judge Advocate Office, and now I'm here at CPAC. **I love the diversity of Fort Leonard Wood.** I have met wonderful people, who have shown me different ways of

looking at things. I enjoyed working directly with the military when I worked at the battalion and brigade.

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

It depends on what you are looking for. **For me, it was work-life balance.** I was able to take leave to be at all my son's school events.

What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

When I was at 3rd Training Brigade, our brigade commander and the operations Soldiers were all hunters, so we would have luncheons on the back dock on Fridays. **One Friday, we had fresh turkey — so fresh we were still finding shotgun pellets while we ate.** It was the comradery that made it the best. It didn't matter your race, gender,

religion or if you were military or civilian. It was celebrating together. We really were a team.

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

If you truly want to support the military, this is a great way to do so. You should not do it just to get a paycheck. There is so much more if you do it for the right reasons.

