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Q & A

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Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

It was my first offer when I graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso as a mechanical engineer. **I wanted to get into weapons or biomaterials**, and the Navy made me an offer at China Lake, California, and I took it.

What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

My most memorable experience was **being the lead engineer for a project in the Mohave Desert in California**, where I was responsible for analyzing and erecting a target tower representing a capability of an adversary for Navy systems to target

– and ultimately destroy – with a new variant weapon system.

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

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What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

The pay is comparable to industry for an engineer, and the benefits, including time off, insurance and retirement, are amazing. Also, very little travel and a 40-hour work week is awesome.

What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming a DA Civilian?

Getting in can be tough. Find a friend in the system and reach out for help and advice prior to applying to ensure you get a packet together that can help you compete for a position.

