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Q & A

Responsible for tracking building occupancy and use on Fort Leonard Wood.

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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I was a **military dependent** and grew up around the Army, Air Force and Public Health Service. I don't know what it's like to not be involved with the government. I worked in the private sector in California for a year and a half and decided **it wasn't for me**, so I decided to apply for a federal position.

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

I applied to be an **installation management specialist fellow** and they had several posts available. I didn't know which one I was going to get – it was up to the garrisons to

analyze and choose – and I was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood.

What is your favorite part about being a DA Civilian?

I like that **I have had the opportunity to meet the variety of people who make up Fort Leonard Wood**. I've made a lot of connections through the **networking opportunities** and come to understand the intricacies of how the installation operates.

Who has inspired you throughout your career as a DA Civilian?

My mom. She has worked in many different areas and knows how things work, so she has shared her

lessons and wisdom with me. **She's always been there for me, whether it's academics or extracurriculars, making sure I'm doing my best.** She taught me that anything less is a waste of my time.

What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

For me, in my position, it's that DPW is everywhere, so **there is an opportunity to work at any military post in the world**, and I think that's awesome.

