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Q & A

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What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

I was born in the Waynesville hospital and have lived here all my life. I did food service, and then I sold jeans, and that's how I ended up working here as a sewing machine operator 19 years ago.

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

My biggest inspiration was my previous supervisor, the one I was hired under. **She worked here for 40 years, and her name was Dawn Perkins.** She always encouraged me, let me move around and gave me

the opportunity to learn new things. That's probably why I'm here today.

What is your favorite part about being a DA Civilian?

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What has been your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

My most memorable experience – good and bad – was through **COVID.** We had to change our processes overnight and getting all these Soldiers dressed while **adapting to**

such quick changes was challenging. For me, it was one of the best and worst times of being a DA Civilian – you had to be flexible here at the 43rd.

What advice would you give to others who are thinking of becoming a DA Civilian?

Don't get discouraged if you must start at the bottom. **There are always opportunities out there,** but sometimes you have to push for them – I had to, but it's a good job.

