

# Q&A

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### What are the benefits of working as a DA Civilian?

Security, good benefits and time off to be with family and have a life away from work. **Also, the friends I've made over my 35-year career.**

### Why did you choose a career as a DA Civilian?

When I was 23, I realized the Army offered an opportunity for a great career with security. I was starting a family and **security was important to me.** This is my home, so the fact that there were engineering jobs available in the area was a plus.

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

**While you won't get rich, you will make a good living** for a rural area. You will also work with **great professionals from all over the world.**

### What is your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

Working on the initial Base Maintenance Contract at Fort Leonard Wood at DPW. **It was challenging and at times frustrating, but the experience I gained has benefitted me throughout my career.**

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

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