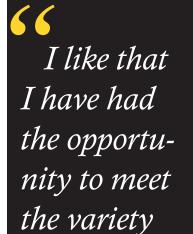
# **NATALIE RUIZ CASTILLO**

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



# 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.

