

Lt. Herbert Culver, is a gate security supervisor for the Directorate of Emergency Services. He can most often be found at the Sverdrup Gate, where his duties include safeguarding U.S. government property, facilities and personnel, and managing a shift of security guards and Soldiers controlling access to the installation.

Where are you from?

Denton, Texas

Did you serve in the military?

I retired from the Air Force after 22 years as a Security Forces member.

Why did you decide to work for the Army?

This is what I did in the Air Force, and I like the job. I enjoy working with people and helping them. When I retired, I was stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and my wife is from Missouri. We love it here, so in 2005, I decided to take this job at Fort Leonard Wood.

Do you find yourself relying on your Air Force experience in your current role?

The Air Force only has controlled access installations, so I came here fully trained. A few months after I got here, I was

promoted, because I already knew what I was doing.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

My coworkers, my teammates — I work with a fine group of people.

What is your most memorable experience working in gate security?

We had an individual who was turned away from one gate come to another gate, then attempt to run it. He was stopped, and after we handcuffed him, we found weapons in his vehicle.

How do you stay prepared for events like this?

We brief the team every day and train regularly.

If there was one thing you want the community to know about gate security, what would it be?

We will always strive to be kind and helpful. We are here for customer service, but we are also here to maintain the security of the installation. When there is a delay or a gate is closed unexpectedly, we are not doing it on purpose — there is a security reason. And we might not be allowed to tell them what it is until we are sure the threat is no longer a threat.



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