

Paul Goodspeed is an operations specialist with Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. His duties include helping units conduct official ceremonies and coordinating reports and operation orders.

Where are you from?

Fort Dodge, Iowa, but I have lived everywhere because I am an Army brat.

Did you serve in the military?

My first time on Fort Leonard Wood was when I attended basic combat training in 1975. I was in the Army for 26 years as a flight medic. My father was in the Army Medical Service Corps. I joined so the Army could pay for my college degree. I served my time, got out, got my degree and went to work. I made more money in the Army, and I liked it better in the Army, so I came back in. My two daughters are in the Army Reserve now. I am really proud of them.

How did you end up working as a Fort Leonard Wood Army civilian?

I retired at Redstone Arsenal (Alabama), as a senior medic and started working in the hospital there. My parents lived in Springfield at the time, and my sister was in St. Louis, so when

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this job at DPTMS came open in 2005, I applied for it. I have been here ever since.

What do you enjoy about being an Army civilian?

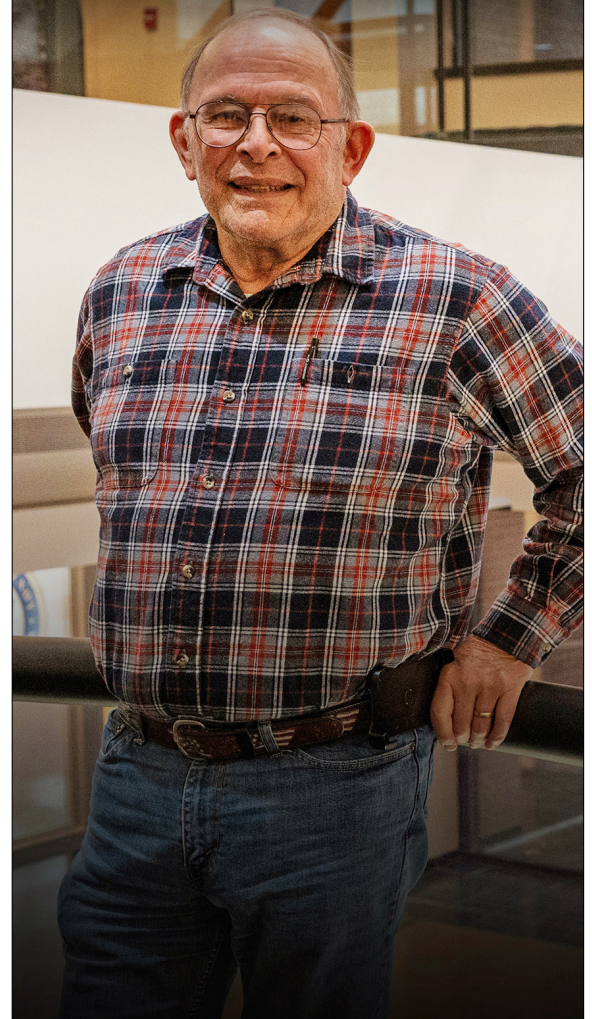
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You retire in June. What are you most looking forward to?

Our girls are in Florida, and that is where we are moving. It is exciting. I am looking forward to sleeping in.

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