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Q & A

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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

My husband was stationed in Germany, and while I was registering my children for school, I hit it off with the lady who was registering them, and she offered me a job as a substitute teacher at the Department of Defense school. The principal came in one day and said she wanted me to be her office staff, and that started my career as an office admin. I just reached my 20-year anniversary.

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

I came to Fort Leonard Wood when my husband got stationed here and went to work for the Public Affairs Office and loved it. I did that until this position

opened and have been here 14 years. My husband retired in 2006, after 22 years of service. **We decided to stay here when he retired, so our four children could complete high school at the same school.**

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

The senior chaplains I have worked for over the past 14 years have inspired me, as they were unconditionally supportive to everyone, providing care and compassion to all service members, family members, retirees and civilians. This inspired all around them to build strong morals and values in caring for others, which, in turn, has provided amazing rewards, both in work and life for me. **It's about taking care of each other.**

What is your favorite part about being a DA Civilian?

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