

Q&A

DAVE ROBINSON AIRFIELD MANAGER, AVIATION DIVISION CHIEF

Manages airfield functions and military and civilian air-traffic operations at Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport-Forney Airfield.



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Why did you choose a career with the Army?

First, patriotism — my family always said it’s **honorable** — but also the **comradery** and a love of working with service members.

What do you like most about your job/career with the Army?

As the airfield manager, I enjoy being part of the training mission while supporting the larger Army mission.

We assist the ranges in the safe control of airspace, work with the U.S. Air Force’s 368th Training Squadron in training airfield ground operations, the U.S. Army Military Police School in their protective services and canine training, all air-borne operations in the drop zone,

as well as supporting air ambulances and the Missouri State Troopers helicopter division and the Missouri Air National Guard mission to the state.

We are **one of only five joint-use airfields in the Army**, so our mission is multi-faceted and allows us more flexibility with larger civilian aircraft.

What are the benefits of working for the Army?

I like being part of an organization that is strong in its **support of our country** and what it stands for.

The friendships I have embraced within my military and civilian time are strong reasons for my dedication to the overall mission and the longevity of my career.

What advice would you give to others who might be looking at becoming an Army civilian?

If you are a mission-driven person with the willingness to ensure our service members receive the best support and are given the best equipment to succeed, then the U.S. Army is for you. It is a **strong, cohesive employer** with plenty of upward movement into leadership opportunities for those who desire the challenge.

