

# Q&A

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Sterilizes, cleans, processes, assembles, stores and distributes medical supplies.



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### What made you decide to have a career with the Army?

While completing dental school, my instructors encouraged me to pursue working as an Army civilian and shared all the potential benefits for me and my family. After two years of working in private practice in the Waynesville area, the opportunity presented itself.

### What are the benefits of working for the Army?

The benefits of working for the Army are definitely different from working in private practice. Working for the Army has given me the **opportunity to advance** in the dental field. I started out as a dental assistant, then became an X-ray technician, and now I'm a sterilization

technician. Another benefit is being able to **provide more for my family** while giving me the chance to **give back to my country** in some small way by **helping our Soldiers** with their dental health needs.

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

What I like most about my job is that my department has a very **important responsibility** making sure all our military patients receive top priority for patient care, patient safety and a high level of standard on sterility.

### What is your most memorable Army civilian experience?

After 10 years at Fort Leonard Wood, I would have to say my

most memorable experience was when I participated in a career day event with a co-worker at a school in Stoutland, Missouri. We had the opportunity to show off the services **we provide for the Soldiers** and pass out goodie bags filled with dental hygiene products and information to get those young people started on proper dental health.

