

SERVICE MEMBER Q&A:

Military Opportunities



The Military is full of roles, responsibilities and training that can help you grow and thrive. Hear from service members as they discuss how these opportunities have led them to a rewarding future.

What do you like best about your role in the Military?



"I love the Sailors and people I work with. What's unique about the Navy is it's everywhere and is composed of people from everywhere. Your co-workers will speak different languages, practice different religions, come from different cultures and yet you are one unit and one family."

Lt. Selina Benavides
Human Resources Officer
Navy



"I love being part of the now. Cyber is a small community, especially for females. To be able to work side by side with fellow cyber professionals and continuously learn is difficult but rewarding. We all learn from one another, because in this career field, it is impossible to be a subject matter expert in all areas."

Capt. Erika D. Alvarado
Mission Element Lead, Army Reserve Cyber Protection Team
Army Reserve

What invaluable skills have you gained from your military experience?

"The Military teaches you problem-solving skills and how to be calm, even in stressful conditions. It also teaches you communication, teamwork, integrity and planning skills, which help me a lot in my everyday life."

Airman 1st Class Zachary Corbin Farrar
Aircraft Hydraulics Journeyman
Air Force Reserve



"Leadership and mentoring. To be a strong and effective leader, you start as a mentee, constantly learning and absorbing information given to you. However, as a leader, I am learning to provide guidance to the Marines in order for them to develop themselves on and off duty, build morale and a stable work environment."

Sgt. Donna Pham
Supply Chain and Material Management Specialist
Marine Corps



What do you hope to accomplish in the next five years, give or take, both in and out of the Military?

"I have recently applied for a Coast Guard Investigative Service position and have moved forward with the initial portion of the process. Within my civilian career, I also look forward to applying to become a boating and hunting accident investigator."

E-6 Christiane LaRosa
Maritime Enforcement Specialist
Coast Guard



"I'm not too worried about my future in the next five years, just because the Military has set me up whether I want to stay in the Service or if I want to separate and go to school. Because of the Military, if I were (to) separate, I wouldn't have to worry about paying for school. If I stay, then I know the Military would take care of me. I would still have future career possibilities if I took that route."

Spc. 4 Trenton Ching
Space Systems Operator
Space Force

"In the next few years I see myself obtaining my Engineering of the Watch (EOW) letter. This is the highest qualification that you can receive in the engineering world. I would also like to take command community engagement to a new level and create a program that is dedicated to that specifically."

E-5 Erynne Byrd
Gas Turbine Systems Technician
Navy



"I have accomplished almost everything I want to in my military service. I still have to go to professional military education (PME) school for my current rank. After that, I plan on pursuing a career in the civilian sector as an airline pilot."

Sgt. Patricia Reyes
Combat Engineer
Marine Corps



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