

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

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1. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SERVED?

20 years (6 years reserves enlisted / 14 years active officer)

2. WHAT LED YOU TO A CAREER WITH THE ARMY?

Patriotism and sense of duty. It's also a family tradition which includes my grandfather, my father, and my sister who have all served. Growing up as a military brat, I witnessed firsthand the lifestyle that military service could provide and I wanted to share those things with my own family. I enjoy travel opportunities to countries and places that most only dream about. The Army has presented me with leadership opportunities for my career outside of the military service, along with the skills and advanced technical training in a variety of career fields.

3. WHO WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR MENTOR AND WHY?

My sister. Though she's now a retired medical officer, she's always offered good advice and direction in my career as a logistician and Army Acquisition professional. Countless others throughout my career that have provided me with guidance, direction, and insight while I continue juggling faith, family, and military responsibilities.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY OF YOUR MILITARY CAREER?

There are so many. Most occurring during my previous deployments as a transportation lieutenant and the countless adventures encountered while executing logistical patrols in Baghdad, Iraq.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ARMY TRADITION?

Promotion ceremonies are my favorite. It's the Army's way of recognizing good performance and a Soldier's future potential to do great things. Soldiers also renew their oath and recognize the support of their family and friends, marking the promotion a very rich and meaningful ceremony.