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I served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, primarily in logistics, and retired with the rank of sergeant first class. I wanted a military career from an early age. I announced it to the family when I was 15 years old. This wasn't as much of a surprise as it might have been in some families. My father had been in the Army, and four of my six brothers and two of my nine sisters, including my twin sister, also served in the military.

The Army gave me the chance to see more of the world and gain some training and experience. I've been stationed at bases throughout the United States, mostly with aviation units. I also had the opportunity to work in protocol at the U.S. Consulate in Berlin in 1990, when the Berlin Wall was coming down. It was thrilling to feel a part of history being made. A high point of that service came when I had the opportunity to greet Colin Powell, who was then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

My experience working with people in the U.S. Army translated directly to my Boeing career. I came to Boeing as an administrative assistant in Human Resources, then gained greater responsibilities through a series of positions, up to my current position as HR specialist. My military career reinforced lessons I learned at home. Difficult situations may arise because the people we work with are reacting to stress that we are not aware of. But we don't have to let that affect our judgment or behavior. We can overcome the stress of any situation by relying on our own strengths and training and remaining focused on the task at hand.

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