



Alexis Williams
Army, CPT
Working towards Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy

Both of Alexis Williams' parents served, so her home was "steeped in military culture." Williams continued the tradition, going to West Point and later, serving in Iraq. She was aide to Fort Bragg's Deputy Commanding General. She also ensured one unit's readiness for Haiti. "She did this with spectacular results," says Lt. Col. Jennifer Reinkober.



Anthony T. Collopy
Navy, PO1
Working towards B.S. in Nuclear Engineering Technology and Business Administration

Anthony Collopy's biggest accomplishment during his Navy career was "training and mentoring young sailors," he says. "Watching a young man succeed because of your teaching is a very rewarding accomplishment." But he's also achieved unheard-of honors: five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, as well as Silver Dolphins (nuclear submarine qualification).



Anthony W. Giannetti
Army, CPT
Director of Operations, Converge

Leading 200-plus employees in North America, Europe and Asia, Anthony Giannetti knows how to team-build those from diverse cultures. He's Director of Operations at Converge. The West Pointer formerly worked with the 4th Infantry Division, the test bed for technologies. Converge President Frank Cavallaro says Giannetti "is not only a thought leader in his space, but also a trusted member of my staff."



Barbara A. Drake
Air Force, TSgt
Federal Bureau of Investigation and Federal Aviation Administration

Barbara Drake volunteered as a victim's advocate before joining the FBI and FAA. Her new life matches her military service, says Ronda Capeles, who supervised her at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. "She would listen and talk to the troops, give them good career advice," Capeles says.



Benjamin Bohn
Marines, Sgt
Helpdesk Analyst, CompuCom

Benjamin Bohn designed, coded and launched the Marine Security Guard battalion Web site. The battalion used it five years. Bohn has a CompTIA A+ certification and handles IT support at CompuCom. In the Marines, he led a team for fire suppression support and rescue services for more than 100 aircraft.



Brenden "Bo" Wright
Marines, Sgt
Director, United States Pharmacopeial Convention

"I owe much of who I am today to those chipped yellow footprints on Paris Island," Wright says. As a Marine, he was prepared for leadership roles and now he's director at USP. Wright has "standardized processes, created a documented candidate experience, and trained a recruiting team to model his approach" says USP VP of HR Laura Viehmyer.



Brent Allen Vogt
Air Force, SSgt
Consultant, DeWolff, Boberg and Associates

As a management consultant, Brent Allen Vogt works with first-line supervisors to better understand their processes. Vogt joined the Minnesota Air National Guard in 1999, inspired by his grandfather, a World War II veteran. He deployed to Iraq in 2003, and his medical squadron evacuated 1,300 wounded. Since 2006, he has been a construction field engineer, project engineer and launched a personal hygiene business.



Brian M. Phelan
Army, CPT
President and COO, ONRAD Inc.

Brian Phelan has been CEO and president of organizations and owns minority stakes in three companies. "The military experience is what made this possible," he says. He did two tours in the Balkans, before exiting in 2001. Michael Lampron, colleague and CEO of Imaging on Call LLC, says Phelan has "an amazing impact on each and every organization." He's involved with organizations supporting children, veterans and the under-privileged.



Chad S. Pollock
Navy, LT
Military Operations Analyst, Systems Planning and Analysis

A submarine career was "the most defining part of my life," says Chad S. Pollock. As Officer of the Deck, Pollock supervised a \$1 Billion, 180-crew, nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine. Fellow Navy Lt. Glenn Richeson, says Pollock possesses a "gritty fortitude and dynamic leadership" to accomplish goals and inspire others.



Chance Henderson
Navy, PO2
Former SEAL and Analyst Contractor, Lockheed Martin

Chance Henderson was an elite Navy SEAL. Today, he protects soldiers against Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as an analyst for Lockheed Martin. After exiting the Navy in 2006, he received a B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies, then a Master's in Criminal Justice. "Since day one upon meeting him almost 10 years ago, I knew he had a drive and determination that would take him far," says friend Shannon Renfro.



Charles McDonald
Air Force, Capt
Working towards completion of MBA

As a Kent State undergrad, Charles McDonald saw the World Trade Center attack. It changed his mind "in a split second" to join the military. He's back from Afghanistan and is a leader in the squadron of Lt. Col. Preston McFarren. "I consider him to be the top junior officer in the unit," McFarren says. "He's strong as a manager and works hard to be a technical expert. It lends him tremendous credibility."



Christopher C. Grecian
Navy, PO2
Lawyer/Associate, Foley & Mansfield

Christopher Grecian is a lawyer, but it wasn't so long ago that he was a submarine junior mechanic. He was integral to excellent performances in operational examinations, earning two achievement medals. Lt. Corey Stone served with Grecian. "I can only imagine the difference he's made in other lives he has been a part of and that they have been impacted the same way I have," Stone says.



D. Matthew Bartles
Navy, LT
Recently separated from Navy

The U.S. Navy allowed David Matthew Bartles to serve in the West Pacific, Australia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He recently separated but continues to serve in the Naval Reserve. He had to master a quick learning curve as Information Operations Battle Captain in East Afghanistan. "Training as a nuclear submarine officer is great preparation for such duty," he says.



Daniel Potwin
Navy, PO1
Working towards B.S. in Nuclear Engineering Technology

Nuclear engineering technology is Daniel Potwin's targeted 2011 degree at Excelsior College. He recently was a Naval Nuclear Prototype Instructor, supervising a land-based training platform. Kathy Chase owns Chase's Greenhouse, where Potwin worked as a farmhand before joining the Navy. "He's just like a son to me," Chase says. "Whenever he comes back home, he lends a hand. He has a big heart."



Denise M. Johnson
Army, SFC
Working towards Business Administration degree

Denise Johnson wants to make a difference in the world. Now that she's nearing 20 years of Army service, she feels she's done just that. She's also working towards a Business Administration degree. Johnson served one year in Iraq. She volunteers for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to help in emergency disasters for the United States.



Dwight E. "Trey" Hearn III
Air Force, 1st Lt
Currently separating

Dwight E. "Trey" Hearn III "is the epitome of an officer and a gentleman," says Marcia A. Smith, chief of contracting at Elgin Air Force Base. Hearn has striven to give everything "to being the best military member I could be." For four years, he took lunch and evening classes towards his commission. He supports contracting for \$156M state-of-the-art sensitive munitions and mission planning programs.



Eli Williamson
Army, SSG
Co-founder, Leave No Veteran Behind

Veteran Eli Williamson co-founded Leave No Veteran Behind, a non-profit that pays off veterans' student loans. Williamson completed two tours to Iraq and Afghanistan, conducting psychological operations. Maynard C. Anderson, Retired Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Security Policy, says Williamson's "extraordinary character, integrity, loyalty and dedication to his nation and his family are without peer."



Eric F. Makovsky
Air Force, Major
Currently separating

Eric Makovsky provides policy, management, sustainment support for more than 15,000 personnel on communications and information command and control systems, valued at more than \$3 billion. Before Operation Iraqi Freedom, he developed real-time intelligence for senior U.S. officials. H. David Belote, former installation commander for Nellis AFB, says "it was thrilling to watch 'Mak' in action."



CivilianJobs.com Congratulates the 2010 Top 40 Under 40 for Military



Erik Grimsgaard
Army, SSG
Currently separating

"I feel my most significant achievement has been serving alongside some of the best and brightest the military has to offer, being considered an equal. There are some real warriors in Special Forces and they will never cease to amaze you, to have served alongside them and contributed to the team's success has been an honor," says Grimsgaard. During his service, he deployed multiple times, including to Afghanistan and Iraq. Recently, Grimsgaard attained Series 7 and 66 licenses for financial services sales and insurance sales license.



Jessica M. Harper
Air Force, 1st Lt
Currently separating

As a first and third runner up for Miss North Dakota, Jessica Harper goes by "BQ" (short for Beauty Queen). But don't let the tiara fool you. "Jessica's competitive advantage comes with her ability to synthesize her hereditary pilot 'go-get-them' attitude with her integrity," says Capt. Benjamin Koch. Today, she's an XO in Bismarck, N.D.



Joe Reitz
Marines, Cpl
Entrepreneur, Photologic Images

Marine Joe Reitz is most proud of joining "the toughest branch in a time of war. I only hope to lead Marines in combat, safely, before my contract is up," he says. Reitz's other love is photography. He launched Photologic Images in Chicago. His mentor, Corey Wales, says, "His photos are all professional and crisp, phenomenal. I'm blown away by what he does, and I'm super proud of him."



Kanessa Trent
Army, MSG
Liaison to film industry for U.S. Army

"As a Public Affairs Soldier, I have found myself with a fly-on-the-wall view to history as it is being made," says Kanessa Trent. She recently returned from Afghanistan, where she handled public affairs. Currently, she's in Los Angeles as the U.S. Army's liaison to the film and television industry. She "is an outstanding noncommissioned officer," says Kenneth Hawes, director, public affairs western region.



F. Michael Marty
Army, MAJ
COO, Mobile Tech Start-Up

Michael Marty moved from company commander in 2002 to the sports and new media industries. He's also authored a book and developed a graphic novel. He's managed some of the Army's most effective digital, social and experiential marketing campaigns, including the Army game, "America's Army." It garnered more than 11 million online players, says Retired Col. E. Casey Wardynski. Marty also served as start-up CEO for a Boston Red Sox affiliated sports marketing agency.



Michele DuMond
Air Force, Capt
Experienced manager, now pursuing MBA

Michele DuMond took management skills she learned in the Air Force into civilian operations, logistics and project management. She's pursuing her MBA at the University of Texas at El Paso. As an Air Weapons Officer, she controlled hundreds of airplanes and never had safety incidents. She also participated in Counter Drug operations in South and Central America. Managerial colleague Craig Imperio says, "Anytime she got a task, she'd get it done and on time and she'd sustain it."



Nicholle Gousie
Army, MAJ
Operations Manager, International SOS and Major at Army National Guard

Nicholle Gousie is an Army Major for the National Guard. She's also operations manager at International SOS in Philadelphia. Previously, she was New Product Materials Specialist at Waters Corp. Her abilities "went beyond our greatest expectations," says Gayle Gaudreau, new products project manager. As a lieutenant, Gousie handled movement of personnel and supplies for the Multi-National Force in Sinai. Moving the forces peacefully within Egypt and Israel "was paramount to my success as a leader," she says.



Nick Padlo
Army, CPT
Consultant, Bain & Co.

This fall, Nick Padlo is a full-time volunteer for homeless U.S. Vets in Las Vegas. In January, he'll return to a consulting job at Bain & Company. He was a military intelligence officer, embedded in the Iraqi Army for 15 months. "My greatest accomplishment was the sense of confidence that my Iraqi counterparts possessed during our final operation," he says. Hernan J. F. Saenz, III, managing partner at Bain, says Padlo has "seamlessly" applied leadership and analytical skills in a high-performance business environment.



Nicole Shue
Navy, LDCR
Congressional Liaison at U.S. Central Command

Hand-picked as a Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of Navy and U.S. Central Command Commander, Nicole Shue's "integrity, leadership and exceptional professional knowledge have earned her unsurpassed trust and access on Capitol Hill," says former supervisor Dr. John Zangardi. Shue was also selected for Command at Sea of an Aegis Destroyer. She volunteers with organizations dedicated to promoting future women leaders, including Young Women's National Conference, Girls on the Run and the Academy Women.



Paul L. Sanders
Air Force, 1st Lt
Owner and CEO P. Lowell Sanders Holdings LLC & Hotel Blue LLC

"All things come full circle," says Air Force veteran Paul Sanders of his new career phase. He's setting up a property management group, plus a Chicago boutique hotel (Hotel Blue). He created a leading cabin appearance and cleaning program for United Air Lines (highlighted by NBC Nightly News). "Before Paul's arrival at United, guests' perception of aircraft cleanliness suffered steep declines; his work created positive improvement that continues to this day," says Barbara Higgins, United's customer experience vice president.



Phillip R. Crandell
Navy, PO1
Senior consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton

As a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, Phillip Crandell stood up the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) training program at Fort Stewart, Ga. "He applied his expertise derived from his service in the Navy as an Electronic Warfare Specialist and his deployment experience from Iraq to establish a world class Counter-IED training program," says Adam Straub, senior associate. He's also the lead for an Electronic Warfare Community of Interest, an Army-wide training for Electronic Warfare.



Robert A. Sawyer
Marines, MSGT
Assistant Director at Atlanta Recruiting, U.S. Marine Corps

"In my 28 years of being in the Marine Corps, (Robert Sawyer) is the most intellectual, self-driven, leader and trainer whom I've served with," says Johnny E. Clark, Master Gunnery Sgt, Recruiter and Instructor. Sawyer has managed multiple recruiting offices throughout greater Atlanta and was a sales trainer for Georgia for the past four years. Sawyer has earned his Associate of Arts in Japanese Studies, his BA in Asian Studies, his MBA, and is earning his MBI, along with his graduate certificate in Business Data Mining.



Rose Lopez Keravuori
Army, MAJ
Senior Manager, Business Development, BAE Systems

After Rose Keravuori and her husband left active service, Keravuori joined the Army Reserves. In Afghanistan she supported Joint Special Operations Command teams. In Iraq she ran the intelligence fusion cell. This August, she was in Paris at l'Ecole Militaire, attending the Ecole Supérieure des Officiers de Reserve Specialistes d'Etat Major, the French Army Reserve Command and General Staff College, as the U.S. Reserve Officer delegate. Currently, she's Senior Manager, Business Development, BAE Systems.



Will Raile
Air Force, SSgt
EOD program manager/senior analyst for HQ Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

After several Air Force tours of duty, Will Raile attended Park University and earned his MBA. Armed with his degree and motivation, Raile rejoined the U.S. Air Force team as a government employee. He's an EOD program manager/senior analyst for HQ Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency. "His superb managerial skills, keen analytical mindset, and unmatched communicative norms have catapulted him to the forefront of our business community," says Michael Werner at the agency.



Salvatore Sannuto
Navy, PO1
Chemistry and Radiological Controls Classroom Instructor at U.S. Navy and Senior Reactor Plant Supervisor (EWS), U.S. Navy

Salvatore Sannuto is an instructor at Nuclear Power Training Unit Ballston Spa, where he has trained hundreds of sailors through both classroom and practical evolutions. "It has been a truly unique experience and an honor," he says. He's studying towards his B.S. degree, as well as half of a graduate degree, while also working full-time with the military.



Suzanne Murray-Kokinda
Army, SGT
Reservist who teaches English to college freshmen

Kokinda found the Army's language school while she was doing grad school research and decided to enlist. "I am an NCO now and I love being a leader of soldiers and part of the backbone of the Army!" she says. She's been deployed twice: once with a military intelligence battalion (she's an interrogator/human intelligence collector) and once with a military police battalion.



Talis H. Burton
Marines, Capt
Launched two companies to help Marines at Camp Pendleton

In the last two years, Talis Burton has created two companies, both to help Marines. One rents homes at the same cost as the Basic Allowance Housing. He formed the second company to bring better food service choices to Camp Pendleton. Burton just completed an Executive MBA. While attending school, he served as an instructor pilot, functional test pilot and standardization officer for the largest training squadron in the Marine Corps. "He consistently makes an impact that is felt by everyone in our Command," says colleague Thomas Hunt.



Wesley Nault
Marines, SSGT
Manager trainee at Menards, Chicago, and Headquarters Platoon Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Echo Company, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion

"The greatest accomplishment of my military career has been earning the respect and admiration of the Marines in my charge," says Wesley Nault. He just received his B.S. in Business Management from Northern Illinois University. Nault also graduated first in his class, Communications-Electronics Maintenance School. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for the actions as Communications Chief while deployed in Iraq in 2005-2006. He's in management training at Menards.