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Christopher Baggett
Air Force, MSgt
Aircraft Mechanic

Air Force MSgt Christopher Baggett spends his days ensuring that aircraft are maintained properly, "so pilots can out-fly, out-gun and out-perform any other country in the air, and then safely return to their families," he says. Baggett is an aircraft mechanic on fifth generation aircraft and has served 20 years in the Air Force. In 2007, Baggett was awarded the "412th Maintenance Group CMSgt. Thomas N. Barnes Crew Chief of the Year."

Marc D. Benson
U.S. Coast Guard, LT
Enforcement Officer

Lt. Marc D. Benson's Coast Guard career has involved "saving boaters in peril, seizing over two tons of illegal narcotics and securing the coasts and borders of America." Benson's demanding leadership roles have included leading 18 sailors as executive officer of a patrol boat in the Persian Gulf. Benson earned the 2012 Pat Tillman Military Scholar Award. Benson will attend Columbia Business School for the next two years.

Bryan Bergjans
Navy, LTJG
Assistant Vice President and Lending Manager, Mortgage Banking Division of Chase Bank

Navy LTJG Bryan Bergjans was on active duty from 1995 to 1998 and then transferred to the Reserves, until 2001, when he exited. He reentered the Reserves in 2007 and received his officer commissioning in 2010. He currently serves in the Naval Reserves as a Supply Corp Officer. Since April 2010, Bergjans has also been assistant vice president and lending manager for the Mortgage Banking Division of Chase Bank.

Mike Boswell
Navy, LT
Nuclear Engineering Officer and current student at Columbia Business School

Lt. Mike Boswell, who worked as a nuclear engineering officer, hopes to work in management consulting after graduating with an MBA from Columbia Business School in May 2013. During his Navy career, Boswell notably developed a plan to turn around an underachieving maintenance group, resulting in a 60-percent reduction in material deficiencies in less than a month. At Columbia, he interned at PowerAdvocate and did an analysis of supply chains of multiple Fortune 500 utility companies.

David Bryant
Army, CPT
Graduate Student, University of London

Army Captain David Bryant's most significant achievement has been "training our Army's youngest soldiers" as a Basic Combat Training Company Commander. He will receive a master's in Public Policy and Management from the University of London in 2014. A West Point graduate, Bryant was Executive Officer for the 2nd Infantry Division HQ. Two years later, he assumed command of a Basic Training Company in Fort Jackson, S.C. "I had the honor of leading the most professional soldiers I've ever encountered," he says.

Thomas Bushur
Air Force, Capt
Protocol Officer

Being compared to "duct tape" was "the most personally gratifying statement" that Air Force Captain Thomas Bushur received from a supervisor, because of his knack for "holding everything together and keeping the mission on track." Bushur received his master's degree in Public Administration in May 2012 from Bowie State University. During his military career, he was stationed at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, as a section chief, providing personnel services to more than 4,600 members.

Andrea M. Deese
Navy, PO1
Recently exited from the Navy

While serving with Assault Craft Unit 4 (the home of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Hovercraft), Petty Officer 1st Class Andrea M. Deese performed in "spectacular fashion," says Captain Kenneth C. Levins. Her myriad of duties included working with the command training department as an instructor and collateral duty career counselor, assisting more than 690 sailors in their professional development.

Jared Dela Cruz
Navy, PO2
Service Assistant at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System in Palo Alto, Calif.

Born and raised in Tarlac, Philippines, Edwin Jared J. Dela Cruz completed 51 semester hours of a pre-med program at the University of the Philippines before immigrating to the United States. In 2008, he enlisted in the Navy and was deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in 2009. "He is a positive go-getter and risk taker," says Mario Teron Lamar, a colleague onboard the USS Emory S. Land.

Denis Delacruz
Navy, PO2
Recently exited from the Navy

PO2 Denis Delacruz "stands out among others, because he is a true top performer with exceptional rating knowledge, leadership and his ability for completing projects with superior quality," says Jesse Lillico, who worked with him a year in the Public Works Department, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Marianas, Guam. He received commendations from a rear admiral for superb leadership and also for exemplary performance and exited in September 2012.

Christina Rivera Dibble
Army, SGT
Program Manager for Military Talent Acquisition at Sears Holdings Corp.

Former U.S. Army Sergeant Christina Dibble "has built a rock solid reputation in veteran advocacy," says Chris Brathwaite, vice president of communications and public relations for Sears Holding Corp. where Dibble works as program manager of employment. In addition to being a veteran, she is also a military spouse. At Sears, she increased military hiring by 150 percent in fewer than two years. Dibble has worked on the Annual Shareholders Meeting and "has been an exemplary ambassador" for Sears, adds Brathwaite.

Carlos L. Dinkins
Army, CPT
Category Manager for PepsiCo in Nashville, Tenn.

Captain Carlos L. Dinkins recently graduated with an MBA from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. In August, he became category manager for PepsiCo in Nashville, Tenn. Dinkins, a former Army Captain, led a UAV Platoon that was recognized as one of the best in the U.S. Army. "I wholeheartedly believe that there is no greater honor than leading soldiers in combat and knowing that I brought all my soldiers back from Iraq safely with numerous accolades," Dinkins says.

Michael D. Dovilla
Navy, LCDR
State Representative of Ohio

Lt. Commander Michael D. Dovilla is one of 99 legislators in Ohio's House of Representatives. In 2007, then Lt. Commander Dovilla served as a key leader in the Directorate of Intelligence for Combined Joint Task Force, Troy. He provided detailed analysis of more than 25,000 improvised explosive device events in Iraq. For that, Dovilla received the Joint Meritorious Service Medal. He also received the Army Achievement Medal.

Christopher S. Ellis
Army, SSG
Special Forces

Special Forces Staff Sergeant Christopher S. Ellis takes his missions in stride, noting, "I'm just proud to serve with a bunch of guys who share a common interest and attitude towards freeing the oppressed." He joined the Army in 2002. His colleague, Nick Tran, deployed with him to Afghanistan in 2005, says "Chris' contributions during that deployment saved lives, not just for the men in our unit, but made it safer for our coalition partners and the people of Afghanistan."

David Evetts
Army, CPT
External Affairs Group for USAA

As a new West Point graduate, Army Lt. David Evetts went to Iraq as a fire support officer assigned to 1-18IN within the 1st Infantry Division. In 2011, Evetts entered USAA's Junior Military Officer Career Development Program. He is now working with a newly formed External Affairs Group to develop an integrated strategy for reaching members, prospects and stakeholders for USAA.

Richard Kerr
Navy, LTJG
Supply and Logistics Officer for the USS Kentucky

Navy LTJG Richard Kerr's team is known across the squadrons and Pacific Submarine force for getting the job done and blazing trails through the world of submarine logistics. Kerr is the supply and logistics officer on the USS Kentucky. In February 2013, he'll become Comptroller and Logistics War Planner for Naval Forces, Korea.

Patrick T. King
Navy, LT
Inspection Team Leader on the TYCOM Material Inspection Team for Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific

Lt. Patrick T. King earned his Navy Nuclear Engineer qualification and served as a nuclear division officer on an aircraft carrier. He is currently inspection team leader on the TYCOM Material Inspection Team for Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific. "We inspect Navy warships in the Pacific Fleet for material condition and combat readiness," he says.

Kyle D. Kobold
Navy, LT
Strategic Weapons Officer, USS Henry M. Jackson

The Navy selected Lt. Kyle D. Kobold to become a NASA astronaut candidate, and the interview process with NASA is still ongoing. Currently, Kobold is strategic weapons officer on the USS Henry M. Jackson submarine. He "mentored a struggling division into a cohesive team," says Captain Scott C. Swehla. After that, Kobold conducted Naval Special Warfare operations, including SEAL support, for Naval Special Warfare Group Three in Coronado, Calif.

Brian Randy Kossler
Army, CPT
Selected to be Company Commander at Fort Riley, Kansas

Captain Brian Randy Kossler "performed magnificently, preparing his unit for combat and remained steadfast during a 12-month deployment to battle in Iraq," says retired Col. Mark J. McKearn. Kossler successfully led a mechanized Cavalry platoon into combat with no casualties in Mosul. He's been awarded the Bronze Star for his combat service. He will become a company commander in January 2013 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Robert K. Lytle
Air Force, Capt
Operations Officer, 32nd Aerial Port Squadron (32 APS) at the 911th Airlift Wing/ARS in Coraopolis, Pa.

During his 2011 deployment, Air Force Captain Robert Lytle led one of the Air Force's largest and busiest aerial ports in Iraq, says Lt. Col. James M. Klein. Today, Lytle is the Operations Officer and Flight Commander for Passenger Service section and Air Terminal Operations Center at the 911th Airlift Wing/ARS in Coraopolis, Pa. He plans to stay in the Reserves for eight more years. He also is a warehouse professional for a privately-owned company.

Howard Martell, Jr.
Navy, PO1
Network Security and Information Assurance

During his 20-plus-year Naval service career, Petty Officer, 1st Class Howard Martell, Jr. traveled to 48 countries and helped hundreds of sailors with financial counseling as a Command Financial Specialist. His greatest achievement while in the military was receiving five Navy Marine Corps Achievement medals. Today, Martell is an information technology professional, specializing in network security and information assistance.

Clarence Matthews
Army, CPT
Department Supervisor, Pegasus Steel, LLC

Clarence Matthews, a former Army Captain who saw two Iraq tours, enjoys that his current work as a department supervisor with Pegasus Steel, LLC continues to support the military. "It's nice working in the 'heartbeat' of America's economy and, better yet, I still get to support our efforts overseas and protect soldiers. He organized a bicycling fundraiser in May and raised several thousand dollars for GallantFew, Inc. Matthews was trained in the Army's anti-suicide program and is listed on GallantFew's website as an emergency contact.

Robert W. McFarlin, IV
Navy, LCDR
Surface Force Detailer

As Commanding Officer of the USS Typhoon, Lt. Commander Robert W. McFarlin IV conducted a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf. "Just days after President Ahmadinejad threatened to close the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, my ship was selected to conduct a transit to prove that the U.S. would not flinch from such saber rattling." He received the 2009 Navy and Marine Corps Society Leadership Award. McFarlin also volunteers as a Big Brother.

Sean McGee
Air Force, SSgt
Field Service Technician, Worthington Compressor Services

As a SSgt, McGee was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for hard work and discipline while deployed to Turkey in 2007. "Not a day goes by that I don't use a skill someone taught me through their excellent leadership abilities or personal knowledge of aircraft maintenance," he says. In January 2012, he became a field service technician for Worthington Compressor Services in Alpharetta, GA.

Troy Mueller
Air Force, Lt Col
Department Head for Systems Engineering and Acquisition at MITRE Corp.

Air Force Lt. Col. Troy Mueller leads a 40-person team supporting multiple organizations within the Undersecretary for Management structure of the Department of Homeland Security. His team's successes range "from development and implementation of information technology governance and oversight frameworks, to guiding a $2.7 billion program through the Federal Department Level oversight and approval processes," he says.

Brian O'Connor
Marines, Sgt
Account Executive for SalesForce.com

As an account executive for SalesForce.com, former Marine Sergeant Brian O'Connor is responsible for identifying and launching software startups for the Cloud marketplace. Sergeant O'Connor had two deployments to the Middle East, where he supported aircraft operations. "His attitude was top-notch in difficult situations, and he made life aboard a ship in theater bearable," says Curtis Larsen, who served on the Tarawa with him.

John Olson
Navy, LT
Independent Financial Advisor, First Command Financial Services

Former Navy Lt. John Olson is a financial advisor for First Command Financial Services in Annapolis, Md. Olson is a 2002 U.S. Naval Academy graduate. He served aboard the USS Connecticut from 2004-2007. After, he was a staff officer who briefed the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary of Defense.

Sean P. O'Reilly
Army, CPT
General Manager, JP Morgan Chase

Since former CPT Sean P. O'Reilly exited the Army, he's led military recruiting programs at Leo Burnett, USAA and JP Morgan. He is currently general manager of the JP Morgan and Chase Sapphire credit card portfolios. He was on active duty from 1994 to 1998. He earned an MBA from the Wharton School in 2010 while working full-time at Chase.

Carrie Papproth
Army, 1LT
Public Health Nurse, Federal Occupational Health at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Fort Meade, Md.

Army 1st Lt. Carrie Papproth is an "exemplary model for nursing care, patient advocacy and public health education" in her service with the Federal Occupational Health at the Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md., says Nellie N. Washington, wellness program manager. Her focus is suicide prevention, PTSD and military sexual trauma. She and another soldier administer PTSD support on a social media site.

Aaron S. Reed
Army, SGT
Lead of Surgical Technology, Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, Elkhorn, Wis.

Former Army Sgt. Aaron S. Reed is Lead of Surgical Technology at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, a 40-bed hospital in Elkhorn, Wis. During his combat tour in Afghanistan, Reed supervised the night shift of an operating room and was a key player on the hospital's security team. He served on three humanitarian aid missions in South and Central America.

Christina I. Rodriguez
Marines, Sgt

Christina Rodriguez has a B.S. in Professional Aeronautics with a double minor in logistics and management. She was NCO of the quarter for the Marine Aircraft Group 31 four times and received a Naval Commendation Medal for being second Marine aircraft wing NCO of the quarter.

Stephen Rubright
Army, MAJ
Senior Legislative Advisor, Army Congressional Budget Liaison, Pentagon.

West Point graduate Major Stephen Rubright had already fulfilled his duty service obligation and was a sales and marketing manager for Merck Co. when the Iraq War broke out. So he volunteered for the Army Reserves and requested duty in Iraq. Today, he's senior legislative advisor within the Army's Budget Liaison office. He regularly briefs senior Army leaders, including the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army.

Nicholas A. Schaaf
Navy, PO2
Student, DePaul University, Chicago

Petty Officer, 2nd Class Nicholas A. Schaaf served from 2004 to 2012. Schaaf deployed to the Middle East in 2006. He was part of the Forward Deployed Naval Force from July 2007 to September 2009. He also volunteered to produce and install 43 murals on Navy ethos and history at a Navy Apprenticeship School at the Naval Station Great Lakes.

Aaron Scheinberg
Army, CPT
Director of Strategy and Research for The Mission Continues

Former Army Captain Aaron Scheinberg "has followed an impressive arc, from undergraduate service at West Point, to combat military service in Iraq, to international service," says Spencer Kympton, COO of The Mission Continues. Scheinberg is director of strategy and research at The Mission Continues. During his 2005 deployment to Iraq's "Triangle of Death," Scheinberg used Arabic skills to build relationships and was civil affairs director for the Haswah and Iskandariah region.

Matthew Sibley
Marines, Cpl
Small Arms Service Center Supervisor, AC First

U.S. Marine Corps, Matthew Sibley's shop oversees the small arms repair efforts covering half of Afghanistan for allied personnel. He also served as an armorer for SEAL Team 3 during OIF, helped train the Saudi Arabian Royal Marines in anti-terrorism tactics, and graduated No.1 of 795 in marksmanship at Arizona's Correctional Officer Training.

Van Standifer
Army, CPT
MBA at Georgetown University

Army Captain Van Standifer became a paratrooper after working in government and public consulting. Standifer was the senior HR officer for a 600-soldier combat unit at U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt (Germany), says Lt. Col. Everett S. P. Spain. He led numerous unit improvement projects, coordinated dozens of special ceremonies and executed a one-year Afghanistan deployment, Spain observed.

Janson Taylor
Air Force, SSgt
Munitions Controller, Hurlburt Field
Air Force Base

For the past three years, Air Force Staff Sergeant Janson Taylor has been munitions controller at Special Operations Headquarters at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base. He's "displayed exceptional leadership" by controlling several munitions operations and overseeing the build-up and delivery of munitions worth $44 million, says Captain Jessica L. Terrell. "I have seen him train and mentor airmen that he supervises to members of a team with integrity," Terrell says.

Kevin J. Terrazas
Army, CPT
Lawyer, Yetter Coleman LLP in Houston

Since joining the Houston law firm of Yetter Coleman LLP, former Captain Kevin Terrazas has handled matters ranging from civil rights, to intellectual property, to commercial litigation. He notably litigated a case against the City of Austin for discrimination against officers in its fire department and protected the voting rights of a citizen from Boerne, Texas. Terrazas was deployed to Iraq with the 101st Airborne as the Division Artillery's assistant operations, personnel and supply officer.

Charles Trim
Marines, SSgt
Maintenance Production Supervisor, Naval Aviation Maintenance Programs

Marine Staff Sergeant Charles Trim is the maintenance productions supervisor for the Aviation Division at New River Air station in Jacksonville, N.C. "With his experience in both the aircraft electrical maintenance and the administrative know-how of quality assurance, he was able to successfully prepare a division of over 220 Marines for a multitude of required inspections in April and again in August of 2012," says Captain Marc C. Riddle, Avionic Officer.

J.M. Woody van Horn
Navy, PO2
Accredited Certified Sommelier

Former Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class J.M. Woody van Horn served in the Navy from 2003 to 2007, where he worked in a high-stress environment, specializing in tactical information coordination, anti-submarine warfare and Tomahawk missile strikes. Today, he's an accredited certified sommelier by the American Chapter of the Court of Master Sommeliers, Certified Wine Professional™ by the Culinary Institute of America and a Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW) by the Society of Wine Educators

John R. Young, Jr.
Army, 2LT
Government contractor with Fluor Government Group

As an African-American, Army 2nd Lt. John R. Young Jr. "wanted to continue a time-honored tradition of serving that started with individuals like Col. Charles Young, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the Buffalo Soldiers." Young was deployed to Iraq in September 2003 to May 2004 for nine months. He is currently pursuing his master's in Supply Chain Management at Florida Institute of Technology, and works as a government contractor with Fluor Government Group working as a Logistics Supervisor and serving in Afghanistan.