



Mike Almeyda
CPT, U.S. Army
Compliance
Auditor, SERC
Reliability Corp.

CPT Mike Almeyda has "an extreme passion" for health. Aside from his civilian career as a compliance auditor, he's an independent coach with Team Beachbody in Charlotte, NC. Almeyda was a freshman at West Point on 9/11. As a former Army Ranger, he's most proud of bringing soldiers home twice without casualties. "I would do it (again) without blinking an eye," he says.



Jason R. Betzing
CPO, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief Machinery Technician

Three years from Coast Guard retirement, Betzing is a chief machinery technician. He's working on his Master's in Business Administration/Marketing at Columbia Southern University. He's also an artist, with gallery representation in North Carolina and has created a mural for the Youth Center at Selfridge ANGB near Detroit. His family regularly volunteers with organizations including the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Toys for Tots and others.



Tony Bryan
SSG, U.S. Army
Assoc. Dir. of Development,
The Mission Continues

For the past two years, Tony Bryan has been raising millions of dollars for The Mission Continues, a nonprofit assisting returning veterans. Bryan "is deeply committed to changing the way this country welcomes home its post-9/11 veterans," says Spencer Kympton, Chief Development and Partnerships Officer. Bryan manages a stewardship program on track to raise \$9 million in 2011 and more than \$20 million in 2012. During his nine year Army career, the Dept. of the Army selected him as the youngest Drill Sergeant in an organization of 100 soldiers.



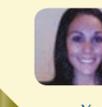
Jeremy S. Bush
CPO, U.S. Navy
Drilling Fluid Specialist,
M-I Swaco

Jeremy S. Bush is a drilling fluid specialist with M-I Swaco. He served in the Navy from 1999 to 2011. Prior to leaving the service, he was Division Officer at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. He managed 27 Navy and Marine Corps instructors in the administration, training and career development of 360 joint service and international students annually. "Being able to lead, teach and help sailors was the most amazing thing about my career," he says.



Bronston Clough
CPT, U.S. Army
Unit Manager, Carrier Corp.

Bronston Clough segued from his career as an Army Ranger to the corporate world. He's unit manager for a 360 person coil shop. Author of "Get Tabbed: How to Graduate Ranger School," Clough is recognized as the best unit manager in the plant where he works by his operations manager, Richard Reeves. "He ranks in the top one percent of all salaried people I have worked with in over 35 years."



Yesenia De La Rosa
SGT, U.S. Army
Electronic Technician,
SAIC Corp.

Yesenia De La Rosa works for Science Applications International Corporation in Afghanistan as an Electronic Technician and is also expected to

complete her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 2012 from the University of Texas at Arlington. De La Rosa says service to her country allowed her to set an example. "I decided to join the military to get out of the poverty and lifestyle that my family and I were living, hoping to show them a different way of life."



Jason S. Dickie
CPT, U.S. Army
Dir., Human Resources,
Norfolk County Sheriff's
Office

In 2003, at age 30, Jason S. Dickie became one of the youngest assistant deputy superintendents in the history of the Norfolk County, Mass. Sheriff's Office. During an extensive six month training tour, Dickie visited several correctional institutions where he revamped the security process. In 2007, he was promoted director of human resources, overseeing more than 300 employees and several hundred retirees.



Peter Foradori, Jr.
Capt, U.S. Marine Corps
Integrated Activity Planner,
Shell Exploration and
Production Co.

While deciding to leave the Marine Corps, Peter Foradori, Jr.'s greatest concern was finding a job that made a difference. "Thankfully, I found a home on the exploration and production side of our domestic natural gas industry," he says. He also donated time to the Chesapeake Bass Tournament charity, organizing and operating a fishing tournament and auction in southwest Texas. The group donates funds to the Show of Support charity, which provides "dream hunts" to wounded warriors.



Joseph E. Guzman
LTC, U.S. Army
Deputy Dir. of Space Forces

LTC Joseph E. Guzman coordinates space operations and support for U.S. and Coalition Forces in the U.S. Central Command. He's deputy director of Space Forces at Al Udeid Airbase in Qatar. A 1994 West Point electrical engineering graduate, Guzman has worked on a wide variety of operations in Space Force Enhancement and Space Control. "He is a master of Army Space operations and is one of the very best known and sought after leaders in our business," says his former commander, LTC J. Dave Price.



Paul Hardy
Capt, U.S. Air Force
Area Manager, Amazon

Capt. Paul Hardy, now an area manager with Amazon, deployed twice to the U.S. Central Command. He served as group executive officer and senior advisor/team leader in Baghdad. Hardy was named Company Grade Officer of the Year and the Lance P. Sijan Leadership winner for 2010, ranking him one of 213 junior managers in his organization and in the top 1 percent of 950 junior managers in his region.



Bristol Hartlage
LT, U.S. Navy Obsolescence
Engineer, GA-ESI

Bristol Hartlage does design for General Atomics Electronics Systems, Inc., working on the radiation monitoring systems at nuclear power plants around the world. Hartlage's performance as a nuclear watch officer, as well as a surface warfare officer, was recognized in 2008, when she was handpicked as the recruiting poster officer. Additionally, she finished the Great Wall of China Marathon sixth in her age group in May 2011.



Brian Hawthorne
SSG, U.S. Army
Consultant, CALIBRE Systems

Brian Hawthorne serves in a variety of ways, from volunteering with the rural poor in Appalachia, to using his experiences as a returning soldier to advocate for student veterans. A consultant for CALIBRE Systems, Hawthorne is helping the DoD educate wounded warriors. As a combat medic paratrooper in Iraq, he saved his friend's life under fire, receiving the Bronze Star for heroism.



Haney D. Hong
LT, U.S. Navy
MPP student,
Harvard University

Haney D. Hong's father served in the Korean Army, and his grandfather was a colonel in the Korean Air Force. After Hong's parents emigrated from South Korea, he decided to join the Navy. Following his service, he's pursued a Master's in Public Policy at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government and also participated in the Harvard Kennedy School Dukakis Fellowship. He led cross-agency teams to accomplish the agenda of N.Y. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.



Denise M. Johnson
SFC, U.S. Army
Logistics Specialist

Growing up, SFC Denise M. Johnson could have gone "down the wrong path with gangs, or even worse," she says. But at the advice of a younger brother also serving in the military, she chose the Army. She's a logistics specialist, and her goal is to become Sergeant Major of the Army. Johnson is pursuing a degree in Sports Management and Environmental Management and wants to obtain a Master's in Intelligence Studies.



Timothy Kerrigan
PO1, U.S. Navy
Radiological Controls
Technician Trainer

Timothy Kerrigan is responsible for training activities all over the country in the art of radiological controls. Kerrigan has completed both his Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering Technology and Master's in Business Administration while on active duty. During his time at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, people thought of him as the "go-to guy for many complex evolutions," says Brandon J. McElhinny, who served with him.



Aaron Kletzing
CPT, U.S. Army
MBA student,
Harvard University

Aaron Kletzing began graduate classes at Harvard this fall. Brian M. Sweigart, former company commander in Iraq, rated him as the most qualified officer throughout his service in 2nd Brigade 25th ID. During four months in 2008, Kletzing successfully managed the funding and reconstruction of a city of more than one million residents. He also has volunteered with Special Olympics, Big Brothers and the Chicago Public Schools Office of Performance Management.



Robert W. Madel II
LT, U.S. Navy
Business Consultant,
Eze Castle Software

Robert W. Madel II is a business consultant for Eze Castle Software, providing consultation on best workflows to use the system. During his service in the Navy, Madel had mission-critical jobs. While stationed at the supply officer onboard the USS KENTUCKY, Madel conducted a complex mathematical analysis with 100 percent accuracy, and as a

result, reduced inventory levels by 2,000 items and saved \$1 million.



Bryan Maynard
SgtL, U.S. Marine Corps
Information Assurance (IA)
Technician

Marine Sgt. Bryan Maynard assists in developing and enforcing IA policies and conducting network defense activities. "His efforts are critical for the command to maintain a high state of network-defense readiness," says Maj. Ismael Alcalá, Marine Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. During his first tour, Maynard was one of the youngest ever to become the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of an operational planning shop.



Carl M. Mersman III
SrA, U.S. Air Force
B.S. student,
DeVry University

Robert Cooper was an Air Force veteran and had been disappointed he didn't have a son to follow his footsteps. So his grandson, Carl M. Mersman III, enlisted in the Air Force before Cooper died. "I felt it would give him a sense of completion if I followed that dream for him," Mersman says. Mersman "flawlessly performed" the duties of a dedicated crew chief on the F-15C/D Eagle, says Maj. John M. Jacobus, his former commanding officer. Today, Mersman is a 4.0 GPA student.



William R. Monk
LT, U.S. Navy
Project Manager, GE
Performance Services

William Monk executes multimillion dollar contracts for conversions, modifications and upgrades to utility scale generators worldwide. Previously, he participated in GE's Junior Officer Leadership Program, a special program for uniquely qualified former military officers starting their GE careers. Monk also continues to serve the U.S. Navy as a Submarine Officer Reservist.



Pedro Munoz
CW4, U.S. Army
Field Service Engineer,
Siemens Energy Inc.

Pedro Munoz is currently working for Siemens Energy Inc. as a field service engineer. Munoz, a retired CW4, is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served with the 3rd Infantry Division and the 13th Sustainment Command. He also serves as an officer in his local Warrant Officer Association and helps out his local community by visiting retirement homes.



CivilianJobs.com Congratulates the 2011 Top 40 Under 40 Military



Thomas Destre Pagsisihan
SSgt, U.S. Marine Corps
Production Manager,
Mollertech, LLC

Thomas Destre Pagsisihan is the production manager at Michigan based Mollertech, LLC. He was an avionics technician in the Marines before separating in October 2000. "I enjoyed taking that Marine that was lost and helping her or she to become the best Marine that they could be," he says. Dan Belcher of Neuco Distributors in Conyers, Ga., says Pagsisihan is "One of the finest leaders I've ever met. I discovered him to be truly innovative in his ability to understand and solve very complex issues."



Patrick Parker
PO2, U.S. Navy
Work Center Supervisor

Patrick Parker's most significant achievements during his military service include successfully completing three deployments to the Persian Gulf, consistently earning early promote evaluations and being named Sailor of the Year at his first command. He joined the Navy from a small town in Southern Maine, "Very anxious to get away from home and experience something new." When Hurricane Katrina hit, he helped families in need by providing food, water and shelter.



James C. Piatt
PO1, U.S. Navy
Maintenance Electrician,
Constellation Energy

James C. Piatt had about 10 years of progressive experience in naval nuclear power, when he took a step away between 2004 and 2009, working for companies that included Trane, CARQUEST and Bergstrom Inc. But in 2009, he returned to his nuclear roots as a maintenance electrician with Constellation Energy. Piatt is finishing his Master's in Performance Improvement from Grantham University, after earning his MBA at the same school.



Matthew Raymond
CPT, U.S. Army
IT professional, General
Dynamics Information
Technology

"My biggest achievement since leaving Active Duty was to restructure my entire life," says Matthew Raymond. Today he is an IT professional working on his MBA. He spent seven years in the Army, and he's most proud that each soldier from his first deployment returned home safely. "I saw peers who decided to stay in because they were afraid to try a new career path while the economy was not performing well; however, I stepped out boldly to find a new way," says the Bronze Star recipient.



Raymond M. Rhodes
Cpl, U.S. Marine Corps
Computer Support Specialist,
City of Sanibel

Raymond Rhodes is a computer support specialist for The City of Sanibel, Fla. Police Department. "At the end of the day, I feel a true sense of accomplishment," he says. Graduating with honors from Florida Gulf Coast University while working full-time and taking care of his 2-year-old son, Rhodes says he's proud of his Marine Corps service. He cited being proud when he was part of a team of technicians and mechanics that maintained a steady 95 percent flight readiness for helicopters and when he represented the Marines in the "Toys for Tots" program collecting more than 72,000 toys.



Eric Rogers
CPT, U.S. Army
Executive Dir., Give an Hour

Give an Hour provides free mental health services to veterans, families and service members, and Eric Rogers is the executive director. "We have a national provider network of over 5,500 licensed therapists and continue to grow," he says. A company commander in Iraq 2005-2006, he returned in 2010, as the assistant to Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, 20 years after she was a POW. The son of an immigrant, Rogers helped bring together nonprofit and faith based organizations in Pittsburgh serving Burmese refugees.



Socrates Rosenfeld
CPT, U.S. Army
Project Dir.,
Grameen America

A Guatemalan internship for his MBA helped former Army Ranger Socrates Rosenfeld crystallize a big dream to launch a corporation that will stave off human suffering. In 2011, Rosenfeld worked with Grameen Bank in the Mayan Highlands before taking a job as project director with Grameen America in Boston. Rosenfeld has a bachelor's degree in Leadership and Management Studies from West Point.



Cathy Royster
Maj, U.S. Air Force
Corporate Manager,
Sikorsky Aerospace

Cathy Royster is a corporate manager for Sikorsky Aerospace Maintenance Service Programs, responsible for cradle-to-grave Army, Air Force and foreign government helicopter maintenance programs valued at more than \$60 million. She enlisted in 1999 as an aerospace medicine technician, later pursuing a master's degree and receiving a commission in the U.S. Air Force. Royster left active duty in 2006 to become the Conn. deputy state public affairs officer.



Joe Ruzicka
LCDR, U.S. Navy
Legislative Fellow to
Sen. John McCain

"During my 24 years of working for Sen. John McCain, Joe Ruzicka has been the premier Defense Fellow in the history of our office," says Joe Donoghue, Legislative Director. A major contributor to strategic level DoD programs as well as the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty, Ruzicka has worked directly with the Senate Armed Services Committee Staff, advising Sen. McCain on critical elements of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act. Ruzicka also has been F 14 Tomcat Demonstration Team Coordinator, organizing and planning 21 air show locations across the United States and Canada.



Luke S. Saladyga
LT, U.S. Navy
Data Center Facilities
Manager, Google

Google has sent Luke Saladyga overseas to start up a data center in Hamina, Finland as an associate data center facilities manager. "When completed, the Hamina data center will be one of the most energy efficient data centers in the world, utilizing seawater from the Gulf of Finland to cool the computing equipment," he says. He received the Navy Commendation Medal for developing technical requirements for the next generation of undersea technology for SEALs.



Eduardo Santana
PO1, U.S. Navy
Human Resources Manager,
Jamison Professional Services

Along with serving his country, the Navy provided Eduardo Santana the opportunity to travel and pursue his education. After a career that involved "Destinations I would have never dreamed of," Santana is now human resources manager at Jamison Professional Services. "I am responsible for supporting approximately 200 federal contract employees assigned to clients nationwide with all of their HR needs," he says. Santana was named Sailor of the Year in 2003 and exited the service in 2004.



Greg E. Saxon
LTJG, U.S. Navy
President of Veteran
Technical Services

Greg Saxon's achievements since retiring from the Navy have been primarily focused on startup companies and successful exits. His proudest has been starting his own Service Disabled, Veteran Owned, Small Business (SDVOSB): Veteran Technical Services. Saxon was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for the very first successfully developed and deployed technical solution to Baghdad, Iraq in 2004. It led to a significant improvement in the ability to find insurgents and save lives.



Adam Stein
PO2, U.S. Navy
Surface Warfare Junior Officer
Detailer

As a surface warfare junior officer detailer, Adam Stein is able to mentor and have career management of more than 1,500 officers. Stein has worked with 10 countries in Southeast Asia to increase U.S. military access and develop both social events and complex joint training events. Throughout Southeast Asia, Stein voluntarily planned and executed community service events. "These events generally benefited children or underprivileged residents of these countries and further improved the perception of the United States military," he says.



Sara "Sumat" Taylor
LCDR, U.S. Navy
Senior Manager,
Hawker Beechcraft Co.

In 2004, Navy Commander Tom Baker first met Sara "Sumat" Taylor when she was a junior officer flying F-14B Tomcats at Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two: The Swordsmen. "It was immediately apparent that she was an above average naval officer and radar intercept officer," Baker says. Today, Taylor is senior manager for Hawker Beechcraft Company. She enjoys volunteer work with the Veterans Affairs, Toys for Tots and Race for the Cure. "She is a rocket ship of success for all transitioning military personnel to emulate," Baker says.



Daniela Tomatti
SGT, U.S. Army
Senior Financial Analyst,
in Plastipak Packaging, Inc.

Shortly before attaining her high school diploma, the country came under attack on

9/11, Daniela Tomatti says. She felt she could make a greater impact as a soldier. She was the project lead in the logistical planning and transfer of her unit's combat equipment in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tomatti was also named Soldier of the Month for the 299th Forward Support Battalion. She has a Bachelor's of Business Administration and International Business from Florida International University. Today, Tomatti is a senior financial analyst for Plastipak Packaging internationally.



Brian O. Valuerdi
Sgt, U.S. Marine Corps
Project Manager,
Flowerserve Corp.

While at a military hiring conference, "The Marine mentality kicked in," Brian O. Valuerdi says. He didn't take no for an answer after hearing of a position he wanted, and now, "I sit in the desk," he says. He's project manager for Flowerserve Corp. During his Marine Corps service, Valuerdi is most proud of time he spent on recruiting duty. "The rigorous daily grind on the streets recruiting for the Marine Corps is a big feat," he says.



Andrea C. Walker
LCDR, U.S. Navy
Assistant Officer In Charge

As a youngster, Andrea Walker traveled overseas with her father. "Those trips introduced me to foreign lands and helped me better appreciate the freedoms that were given to U.S. citizens," she says. Her most significant achievements in the U.S. Navy have been becoming an aerospace maintenance duty officer and coordinating the Base Realignment And Closure move of Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77 (VAW 77) from Atlanta, Ga., to New Orleans, La. Today, she is assistant officer in charge at the Air Logistics Training Center in Fort Worth, Texas.



Richard P. Walsh
PO2, U.S. Navy
Site Implementation
Team Leading Chief

Richard P. Walsh is both a dedicated service member and an inventor. His solutions could potentially produce great savings for the DoD. Walsh, a Navy PO2, wants to finish his degree and apply for an officer program. "In the years to come, I plan to prompt change in the entire maintenance concept for the DoD," he says.



Robert S. Whynot
SCPO, U.S. Navy
Command Master Chief

"As a senior chief petty officer, I gauge my successes primarily by the development of the sailors I lead," says Robert S. Whynot, adding he's had great mentors during his nearly 20 years of service. Whynot served onboard USS BENFOLD in 2005 and helped Indonesian Tsunami victims. Soon after, Whynot was selected as the naval surface forces Pacific Sailor of the Year, representing a field of more than 40,000 Sailors. He also received the Navy-Marine Corps Association Leadership award. Command Master Chief Joseph Grgetich says Whynot is "an unparalleled leader committed to excellence."