



After serving in the Texas Army National Guard for twenty-five years, the first impression upon meeting David Peavy is one who is strong, dependable and able to get the job done. David is a career Soldier who planned on staying in the military for life or thirty years, whichever came first.

Unfortunately, circumstances forced

David into retiring earlier than expected. He shared, “I loved being in the military and took great pride in my job with them.” After realizing that a shift in careers was imminent, David contacted the National Guard’s Job Connection Education Program for assistance in transitioning from military life to civilian employment. David said, “My boss, Major Brian Michel, told me about JCEP, which is a group that helps Veterans find a job and works with them closely until they get one. This was a new experience for me because I never thought about having to find a new job.”

He was scheduled to retire in September 2011 and knew he needed to be prepared for the job market. Thus, David registered with JCEP and was assigned an Employment Counselor who reached out to him immediately to schedule a one-on-one, face-to-face meeting to discuss his employment goals. David stated, “I knew they [JCEP] would be able to help but didn’t know much about them until I visited with a Counselor. After the first visit, I knew JCEP would be able to help me.” He went on to share, “Many of the staffing agencies just want you to come in and fill out paperwork and then that’s it. JCEP stayed in contact and met with me anytime I needed or wanted to.”

Although David had been in the military for twenty-five years, he felt confident that he would find employment quickly. David attributed his resume as one reason he was not finding employment. He said, “The resume I created was not getting me anywhere and when she [Employment Counselor] fixed mine, I had more people calling me for an interview.” David and his Counselor worked closely to identify his skills and training and created a resume that showed his leadership and logistics experience. David wanted to find employment similar to what he loved doing in the military and he did.

During our discussion David shared, "JCEP is a good place to work with. They take pride in working with Veterans and make sure they are up-to-date on all new stuff." He went on to explain, "They don't stop helping you until you find a job." When asked to sum up his experience with JCEP David said, "They are very professional and useful to job seekers. My overall feeling about JCEP is **GREAT!**"

When asked for any final thoughts, David stated, "Mary Weaver is the most wonderful person to work with and was my contact with JCEP. She was wonderful in helping me find a job. She would contact me by phone or email or both just to check on me and see how I was doing. There are not many people in this world that would do that."

David Peavy is a Veteran Soldier who came from a long line of former Service Members who loved serving their country and he takes pride in his service with the Texas Army National Guard. He said, "I am proud to serve my country and would do it all over again if I could." Once again, David's strength and dedication to service helped him get the job he desired.

I, for one, am honored to know such a man. Thank you, David Peavy, for your twenty-five years of service to your country and the Texas Army National Guard.