

## **A Day in the Life of an Army Auditor**

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I am married to a service member and we have two kids, girl and boy, 5 and 3. My experience prior to Army Audit includes serving in the Army for 5 ½ years as a finance specialist. I started working at the agency on 26 May 2009 at the Fort Hood Field Office and had a unique hiring experience. I was dropping off some paperwork at the civilian personnel advisory center (which happens to be across from the field office) when I noticed the Army Audit sign. I was inspired to walk in to ask if there were any positions available and within a short period of time was hired.

My first experience with auditing was years ago when I worked for another organization. We were being audited and I remember my supervisor walking around saying, “the auditors are coming, the auditors are coming”. We were advised not to speak to any of them about work and to direct all questions to a set of people that were experienced to “handle” auditors.

So of course, when I came to Army Audit I thought I’d be kicking down doors to get evidence or would have to be very cunning to get the information I wanted! Fortunately, I was coupled with other auditors who could teach me the ropes and help me develop the skills to get the job done. I soon learned that as an agency, we’re here to help and that many of our audits are requested by the very agencies we’re auditing.

So far, I’ve had the opportunity to work on several audits of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It was exciting to hear about the Act on the news and know that the work I do is relevant and can effect change. The Auditor General’s “Who We Are” statement captures it best.

“We are the Army’s internal audit. We audit what matters most to Army Senior Leaders and quickly deliver results in support of Soldiers, civilians and families.”