

A Day in the Life of an Army Auditor

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"Arriving to Army Audit with a non-military background had me concerned and questioning whether or not an auditing position for the Army was right for me. However, during an audit that required a visit to Fort Hood, Texas, I found myself completely surrounded by the Agency's primary focus, our U.S. Soldiers. At that moment, I gained a sense of respect and pride for my position and the work performed by the entire Agency. The impression instilled upon me from that day has led me to believe that the work I do and the work our Agency performs has a purpose and meaning. From the beginning, Army Audit has provided numerous opportunities to participate in travel, observe how the Army operates and conducts business, and most importantly maintain relationships with fellow co-workers and senior leadership.

Entering the job on day one can be a bit intimidating. I remember on my first day acronyms were being used in every conversation. Don't fret! There are many websites available to help you with this until you are well versed. I highly recommend sitting down with your mentor (if you have not been assigned one—please request) and discussing how your office runs, what resources are available to assist you, and what to anticipate on your assigned area. As for what to expect on a typical day will depend on the engagement you are assigned to. For example, I was assigned to an audit that required travel to the Pentagon for multiple interviews within a week. The days that followed consisted of analyzing and documenting the results of all interviews with the team, applying the information obtained to the overall purpose of the audit, and teleconferencing to tie any loose ends. My experience on this audit has taught me that constant and open communication with your team, regardless of its size, will be the most important task to complete each and every day.

While I have only had my foot in the door for a year and half, my experiences and encounters, both internally and externally, are unlike anything I could have prepared myself for. If you have been recently hired, congratulations and welcome to an Agency that will introduce you to a diverse and well-rounded workforce, provide you challenges, and leave you with unforgettable experiences."