

A Day in the Life of an Army Auditor

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They day begins like most days; I walk into my office and greet my fellow cube mates with a friendly smile and a happy good morning. While I'm settling in for the day we chat about our plans for the weekend. Once my computer is up and running I open my email and get an update on the meetings I have for the day. I see that my day will be somewhat full with different meetings. Since we're in the final phases of writing the report I have one of our daily meetings to discuss changes and additions to the report. I also have a meeting to discuss our new audit, which is always exciting and interesting.

After I answer my emails and take note of the times for my meetings I start working on my voucher for a training class I just attended for intermediate auditor's school and basic communications. A good thing about the agency is that they strive to get you the right amount of training at the right time to meet your auditing needs and skills. The class I recently went to gave me immense insight into the way the agency works and provided me with the tools I need to succeed in the agency. The class also provided me with the required CPEs for auditing and I was able to meet a number of people within the agency. It was a win-win situation for me, I received the necessary training, I traveled to a new and exciting city and I met interesting people that are passionate about auditing just like me.

By the time I'm done with my DTS voucher it's time for my first meeting of the day to discuss the final report we are writing. The entire audit team meets in the conference room to discuss last minute changes to the report. This is the final revision so if there is any unsettled issues or new opinions about something this is the best time to express it because after our meeting the report is sent to our program director for final review. Another awesome aspect of the agency is its willingness to let you speak your mind and express your opinion. On my team the motto is, "There is never a stupid question or idea." This thinking really helps an auditor grow into their analytical and communication skills. At the end of the meeting everyone is satisfied with the way the report looks and we start to discuss the way ahead for the next few weeks. The main thing we need to do is cross reference the report. My AIC gives the audit team a quick refresher on the guidance used for cross referencing reports. We are all responsible for certain sections of the report so while the report is being reviewed by the program director we are referencing our sections.

Once our meeting is over I return to my desk to start working on the referencing. In the middle of this process I get an email from my AIC stating that I need to address some comments in one of my work papers. This is part of the review process that the agency does to ensure that the information we present in our working papers is clear and accurate.

At lunch a few of my co workers gather in the conference room to watch the news and discuss things happening in world. Lunch is usually the nice relaxing part of the day where you can unwind a little bit and get to know your co-workers.

Following lunch I have my last meeting of the day to discuss the next audit for the team. Since we are still working on our last audit this meeting is only going to brush the surface of the new audit. In the meeting my AIC introduces the new objectives and then we all discuss the scope of the audit, research that needs to be completed, and possible site visits. I am given tasks that will keep me busy for the next few weeks while we're finishing up the report. One good thing

about this job is that there is always something to do whether it's research, team meetings, or creating work papers.

Once the meeting is finished I return to my desk to continue cross referencing. Now that I have some new tasks I try to organize my time so I can work on both projects. I complete some cross referencing and then stop to do some research for the new audit. Doing this helps to keep me focused and ensures that I don't get bored with my work. Soon enough the end of the day is here. I make notes to myself about what needs to be done tomorrow, shut off my computer and wave goodbye to my cube mates. As I walk out the building I think to myself, one productive day done another productive day tomorrow.