

## Adjusting to Civilian Jobs and Attitudes

**Richard:** It's tough because you know, as we all know military life you know exactly what time you're waking up, you know what you're going to wear, and you know roughly about what time you're going to get home and roughly what you're going to do throughout the day. And there's that same situation that no matter who you're working with you know they know that they've got a job to do and they have to do it.

Well, in the civilian life you may know what time you're going to wake up, you make get to work at you know, 8:00 if that's your shift but if you show up late there's really no repercussions unless it's of course continuous. But, the person sitting next to you, you know can call in sick and may not be doing their workload which hinders you and your workload because you have to rely on somebody else and there's no real repercussions until you know they get fired and it's been going on forever.

So, that's the hardest part, is still using your military values and beliefs in everyday life knowing that you can't turnaround to the person next to you and be like, hey I need you to do something else or you know, you're not doing your job, hey you need to get it going before I go tell you know, the colonel. You know, that's really not out there.

So, to me that was the hardest part is my values, what I valued wasn't no where near in the same ballpark as the coworkers that I worked with today because it's the little things in life. It's the money, it's the **prestige** of a certain office. You know, the corner office is that, that everybody fights for, to me, I don't care you can put me in a restroom you know with no light and I'm still going to get the job done, but you know to me that's what means more to me is getting the job done, making sure that you reach the finish line instead of you know, hey I want to make a \$100,000.00.



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