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Avnet celebrates Veterans Day, honoring employees who served in the U.S. Armed Forces

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Every year on Nov. 11, Americans celebrate Veterans Day, a U.S. national holiday dedicated to honoring all men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a global organization founded and headquartered in the U.S., Avnet holds this annual observance very dear. Not only is Avnet truly thankful for these amazing patriots who have served their country honorably during war or peacetime, we highly appreciate the instilled values, skills and abilities they offer the corporate workforce.

On Veterans Day, we are taking this opportunity to salute all veterans who have chosen to be part of the Avnet family. Below, we are highlighted just a few of these valued employees, who represent almost every branch of the U.S. military.



Heather Adams, U.S. Air Force
Business Partner, Human Resources
Phoenix, Arizona

Having served eight years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force, Heather has brought many of her military core values and foundational leadership skills to her work in Avnet's Human Resources Dept. She has a great work ethic, demonstrates integrity, takes pride in a job well done, and contributes greatly to her team and Avnet. Her experiences have helped her appreciate diversity and inclusion as it relates to her workplace and community.



Rebecca "Becke" Elwood, U.S. Army National Guard
eChannel Support Specialist, Sales
Chicago, Illinois

Becke is a multitasking master! She currently serves in the Ohio Army National Guard as a semi-truck driver. Within her 11-year military career, she has already earned the title, Soldier of the Year. When not hauling as a Guard soldier, Becke is an eChannel Support Specialist for Newark. She began her Avnet career just one year ago and has already established a strong reputation for being one of our hardest workers.



Jason Lumactod, U.S. Marines
Manager, Production Management
Chandler, Arizona

Jason is a veteran in more ways than one. Proud to serve his country, he was an active duty U.S. Marine for six years. He's also an Avnet veteran, having worked in our company for more than 12 years. While both experiences have been very different, Jason sees commonalities between both organizations. "In the military, you work as a team to accomplish a mission. The same holds true at Avnet."



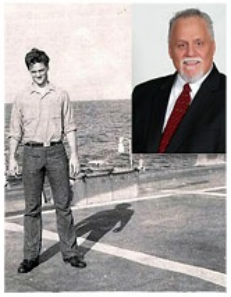
Robert Miller, U.S. Air Force
Learning and Development Professional
Chandler, Arizona

Robert is a retired airman, having served more than 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. His military experience as a training instructor directly led to his 9+ year career at Avnet. Robert now works as a training coordinator for Avnet's Chandler Programming Center. According to Robert, veterans make valuable employees. "Veterans have a 'can do' mindset, they bring order where there is confusion and they lead by example." We couldn't agree more!



Robert Newell, U.S. Navy
SAP Support, Manufacturing & Operations
Phoenix, Arizona

What does a U.S. Navy guided-missile cruiser have in common with Avnet? Robert Newell. During Robert's six years of service in the Navy, he served as a lead computer technician in the pre-commissioning crew for the USS Normandy CG-60. Creating documentation, processes and training from the ground up for such a large-scale project directly benefited Robert's 19+ years at Avnet — where he has successfully led similar initiatives for integration, electrical engineering, project management and more.



James Sommer, U.S. Navy
Director, Avnet AVID
Twinsburg, Ohio

James served in the U.S. Navy's Destroyer Squadron 26, then continued his military career in the Navy's Reserve. In 1986, he started working at AVID Technologies, which was acquired by Avnet 30 years later. Originally from a small town, he has enjoyed broaden his horizons and working within culturally-diverse teams. While he has a successful career in technology, his proudest accomplishments are at home. "I'm proud of my wife, and the home and family unit we've built."



Reggie Washington, U.S. Army
Supervisor, Global Information Solutions (GIS)
Chandler, Arizona

Looking back at the eight years Reggie served in the U.S. Army, he is proud to be an Airborne fraternity member, having served as a paratrooper (military parachutist). Landing his career at Avnet 14 years ago, Reggie brought to his role the sense of duty, purpose, honor and discipline that military service ingrained in him. He is also a proud father of two sons. His older son has followed in his footsteps and is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Oorah!

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