

Interview with Nelson Peters, Aircrew Maintenance

1. "How long have you done this job?" 5 years, recruiting 1 ½, 3 Japan, 7 weeks boot camp, 3 months a school.
2. "What do you like about the job?" Order flight equipment for pilots so lots of flight gear in my house, being a pr works hand and hand wig alt of pilots, get recognized a lot more than more sailors, you're in pretty good with the officers.
3. "What is challenging about the job?" There is no room for error I am in charge of parachutes because someone's life is in my hands, you always got someone looking over you.
4. "How is your job rewarding?" It's pretty much setting me up for success in the civilian world, there's just a lot for instance your start off as someone who is lower In ranks but then suddenly you're a supervisor, there's a lot of room to grow.
5. "What has changed in the profession in the last 5-10 years?" I'm a recruit now haha. I'm not longer hands on equipment I'm signing off paper work, I'm now in more of a leadership position.
6. "What is continuing to change?" Not much cause I'm not out there anymore I'm recruiting haha, there's just a lot of room to grow. I just haven't been to the fleet in awhile so I don't know.
7. "What kind of training/education did you need for your job?" Boot camp obviously, a high school diploma and I still make more than a teacher that's been going to school for 4 years haha. My a school was in Pensacola Florida, phase one you can't really do anything, phase 2 civilian clothes, phase 3 you can start having a bit more fun like a Hotel party me and my buddies did that haha. Everyone studies in groups to get to know

each other. You're always going out to eat and not to like Wendy's or McDonald's I'm talking like hooters and applebee's I mean like all the time haha.

8. "Was it difficult to find work?" It wasn't that hard to find work you basically have a job. When you go to your first deployment you have something to do.
9. "Has the job market changed?" It's getting Better the navy is going to be the best branches in the world especially with the new president who is very navy heavy.
10. "What advice would you give someone going into this field (military)?" Get your qualifications right, don't have thick skin listen to people that have experience they want you to be successful, you're no longer individual you should think about yourself as like an ambassador you'll be going to places like Australia and you're representing the United States of America.

This interview was very interesting; I learned a lot from my recruiter, especially what the life is like in a school and in boot camp. He also gave me a lot of advice on what it's like to turn from a sailor in the fleet to a stateside recruiting job and what the big differences are between the two jobs.