

PROFILES IN SERVICE

Mark Olson

In what branch of the Armed Forces did you serve?

Army/ Idaho Army National Guard

How long did you serve in the military?

22 years total service

What drew you to military service?

I had many immediate family members serve in the various armed forces and had a desire to join the military at a young age. "Free ammo, travel the world."

How does your military experience prepare you for working in a civilian agency?

It teaches you to be an integral part of a team, great leadership courses are available through military training.

What drew you to NRCS?

I grew up on a farm and have been involved in agriculture my entire life. I wanted to a career in agriculture working directly with producers.

What do you like best about being part of NRCS?

Working with customers to plan and implement conservation practices in a voluntary fashion.

