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Hi, I’m Andrew O’Connor, I’m a senior analyst with the Management Consulting practice. I decided I wanted to go into the marines after high school. Around the winter time of 2005 a tsunami had just hit Thailand and Sri Lanka so immediately I was put to work jumping on planes, flying supplies back and forth. I was in the marines for five years before I transitioned out.

I joined Accenture as a business analyst, my first project was an IT strategy project with a large healthcare diagnostics firm. And I came in there knowing little but nothing about healthcare diagnostics, but I was willing to learn as much as I could and that’s kind of the nature of the beast with the consulting organization. You’re always pushing yourself, you’re always growing and stretching more, being able to ask a lot of questions and being willing to learn, I think goes a long way.

The biggest quality that veterans should look at in themselves is teamwork qualities, so being able to provide support to other people when they need it. The new project I am going to be joining, I’m really excited about, it’s part of an army national guard wellness package, so we have been helping to manage the suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention program for the entire army national guard.

I think Accenture is a great place for anybody to work, it’s good to know that there’s, there are employee resource groups dedicated to military and former military members themselves, to sort of provide a certain amount of community support. One thing that I am also always impressed by is the caliber of people in the organization, everyone is really not only smart and capable and higher performers but also really nice and warm, and open.

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