

Unit 13. Military Career

Task 3.

George Washington was the first President of the United States, (1789 till 1797), after leading the Continental Army to victory over Great Britain in the American Revolutionary War (1775 till 1783). Washington was chosen to be the commander-in-chief of the American revolutionary forces in 1775. As a result of his strategy, the two main British armies – Saratoga and Yorktown, were captured by Revolutionary forces. Negotiating with Congress, the colonial states, and French allies, the army and a

fragile nation were held together from failure by him. Following the end of the war in 1783, Washington retired to his plantation on Mount Vernon.

In 1787 Washington drafted the United States Constitution. He became President of the United States in 1789 and established many of the customs and usages of the new government. Washington avoided any involvement in foreign conflicts. He supported plans to build a strong central government and created a national bank.

Washington is seen as a symbol of the United States and an example among early American politicians. He was “first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen”.

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Thomas joined the army as a soldier when he was 18. He entered the NCO school at the age of 25. He was one year in this school and in 2005 he graduated and he was promoted to a sergeant.

Thomas was posted to an infantry battalion and in 2006 he served in Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire. In 2007 he entered officer school and he graduated in 2009. After officer school, Thomas attended an infantry officer specialisation course.

In 2010 he was deployed to Afghanistan. In 2012 Thomas was promoted to major.

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The military can be a challenging but rewarding career. In this article, I will explain how an enlisted member can make the most of his or her military service.

Things You'll Need: Commitment and drive, Physical and mental fitness, Ambition.

Give 100% starting with basic training. Physical fitness should be your highest priority. Volunteer for leadership positions within your team. Remember, a history of leadership will position you for future leadership positions within the Military.

Talk to your supervisor to learn what he or she values. If he values team work, join the softball or volleyball team. If he values hard work, volunteer for longer hours or on-call duty.

Care for your appearance. A sharply ironed uniform, clean boots and well groomed hair will help you stand out. If you care for your appearance, you give an impression of pride and dignity.

Ask your supervisor for tips on how you can ensure top marks during rating session. Don't be afraid to express your desire to do a good job.

Always do your best. If your supervisor sees you are giving it everything you have, even if you fail at something, you will be rated higher.