

MSSC Student Testimonial



Meet CLT Student and Active Duty Military member, Aaron Vaughn



"My name is Aaron Vaughn, my logistics career began from a young age, working in my father's business with Direct Mail Marketing. I was the warehouse hand that would help move pallets to production lines as well as unloaded trucks and placing items into storage locations. As I grew, I enjoyed learning how to drive and operate the forklift. Upon graduating high school, my lifelong dream of joining the military was no longer attainable at that time due to medical reasons. I began working for BancTec Service Corp around 1994, as a temp but quickly gained full time employment as a Warehouse Lead. I supervised 9 employees as we fulfilled standard, alert and palletized orders daily.

I really began to grow with warehouse operations as well as managing Inventories. After proving to be a valued asset, I was then promoted to a management position responsible for the health and welfare of 32 employees and an inventory valued around \$56 million worth of product to maintain. We transitioned our organization system to (SAP) where I was trained up and became the trainer for the warehouse operations personnel. I managed our warehouse and the storerooms around the globe from my desk. A fun note, as my father did. I also brought my kids in and taught them the ropes per say, and it was so fun watching them succeed learning supply chain. This job I was very honored and committed to as it secured my family with 5 kids. I had this job just under 10 years until deciding to return to the family business which was Direct Mail Marketing, and there I learned all the addressing machines and printing machines they used. It was a change of scenery but logistics was still the need. I also picked up sales and just began to help out wherever I could.

Until my life changed, I met a Recruiter who offered me a job. I laughed and said I would do it in heartbeat, but I was turned down in 91' when I graduated. He asked why, so I told him I broke my arm in Junior High and had plates and screws placed in which made me ineligible. He said, "There was no war in 91, there is a war now, do you want to join or what?" Stunned I was, if I would have known this I would have already joined. So, I spoke with my wife and she supported my decision and so I joined the US Army at 34. The MOS I chose was the job I knew, Automated Logistics Specialist. I am now over 12 years career doing the job that I have done for nearly 25 years of my life, and the love has never been lost. Being able to fulfill the needs of others has been my passion always.

In 2013, I went to Advanced Leaders Course (ALC), and before graduation we were told the course was a pilot course, and there were new opportunities for Logisticians to obtain additional certifications. There were 29 in my class, but only 6 of us passed the Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) qualifying for the Certified Logistic Technician (CLT). My struggle began leaving ALC as I searched for a testing center to fulfill my CLT. Upon arriving in Korea, I spoke with the Education Center and met the Proctor, Terrance McDuffie, after speaking with him, I reached out to MSSC and my contact Leslie Kruse who has been with me since the beginning, to see if there was an opportunity to utilize him.

I was overwhelmed with joy, when I learned that MSSC accepted Mr. McDuffie as a certified proctor for MSSC. This was beyond huge, opening the door for soldiers. I immediately began promoting CLA/CLT to all of my customers here at 61ST SMC SSA, and as the NCOIC many listened and have begun registering. I am so proud knowing that many logisticians have begun registering to expand their journey with aspirations of increasing there supply chain skills.

It is truly honorable knowing the struggle I have had is not a struggle for others to bear. I reached out to our Facebook club page and expanded the knowledge of availability here in Korea, and learning there are those inbound desire the same. I continue with excitement to see so many are actually working toward certifications and it is in their hands to achieve. I truly believe this certification sets you above others and when searching for that employee to satisfy that logistic operation. You will choose the one with the knowledge and experience of the industry. I appreciated the learning objectives through both CLA and CLT, I have a great knowledge of logistics, but these courses have expanded so much more awareness that benefits me. I have committed myself to this field and I am confident with every step I make alongside of MSSC will increase my career and overall capabilities.

So, I will finish by committing to MSSC ensuring that I will promote the certifications you provide, and future expansions you bring."