

Veteran Profile Grant Carnegie



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Name:	Grant Carnegie
Military Service:	22 years
Military Career:	Army, Royal Artillery
Joined Fujitsu:	November 2018
Fujitsu Career:	Senior Project Manager

Military Background

Having joined the Royal Artillery in 1996, Grant Carnegie enjoyed a highly successful 22-year military career. Specialising in Air Defence, Grant worked on numerous projects relating to missiles, radar, and command and control systems, including the Rapier missile system. He then became an instructor across all Air Defence weapon platforms.

The demands of the job meant Grant travelled extensively throughout his career, spending long periods of time away from home. He was based in Germany for ten years, and experienced numerous postings around the world including tours of Afghanistan, Iraq, Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Oman and most of Europe. "In fact, Antarctica is the one continent I didn't get to visit" he remarks.

But with a young family, the amount of travel and time spent away from home made Grant take stock of his situation. "In 2018 I was offered a commission to complete a further ten years with the military, and it was this point that made me realise I needed to reevaluate my position," he reasoned. Stability for his family became his main objective, so he set about the transition to civilian life.

Civilian Transition

During his time in the Royal Artillery, Grant spent time in the Trials and Development unit which introduced him to project management, assurance and acceptance for the first time. "I really enjoyed the nature of this work, so when I decided to leave I knew this was the area I would be seeking to move in to in my civilian career," he explained. With this in mind, Grant completed several relevant project management qualifications via the Careers Transition Partnership (CTP) and the Army Skills Offer to equip him with the relevant skillset he would require to aid his job search.

With his decision to leave the military made, Grant attended a careers open day at Newbury racecourse where he would be introduced to Fujitsu for the first time. "I didn't have any IT background as such, but the people on the Fujitsu stand were very engaging, and because they had military backgrounds, we quickly forged a good relationship." This resulted in Grant being invited to Fujitsu's military transition Open Day, where he would subsequently be offered the role of Project Manager. What became clear was the value that was being placed on Grant's skillset, and how easily these skills in both project and people management could be transferred to the workplace.

Life at Fujitsu

Upon joining Fujitsu in November 2018, Grant became one of the first to embark on Fujitsu's new Military Transition & Talent Programme (MTTP) initiative, aimed at increasing the support that Fujitsu offers high-calibre individuals as they transition from military to industry employment. "My transition into the company was absolutely seamless, and many of the team I was working with had come from military backgrounds themselves, so they were very understanding and supportive," he explains.

From this solid base, Grant has already started to see the complexity of the projects he's working on ramp up significantly, and he's now working as a Senior Project Manager delivering for the Home Office. In terms of future aspirations and ambitions, Grant foresees a bright future ahead of him – "I'm maybe not as active as I once was in the military, but Fujitsu is demanding, it's busy, it's challenging and it's all the things that I enjoyed in my military career – but without the travel!"



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