



Jack Applegate

Jack Applegate currently serves as president of International Code Council Region II, a Code Council chapter. He started in construction in 1988 as a laborer and later left that work to join the U.S. Navy. "The [Persian Gulf] war broke out in the early 1990s, and eventually I became a U.S. Navy Seabee [Construction Battalion]."

Applegate was injured while serving, and went through a series of medical operations and therapy before it was determined that he was no longer able to remain in the military.

"I had proudly served my country during war time with some of the greatest men and women I have ever known," said Applegate. "They were selfless, dedicated, hardworking, devoted to country and most of all they became my brothers and sister for life."

After leaving the Navy, Applegate wanted to stay in the construction industry. His father and grandfather were both supervising journeyman electricians and electrical inspectors by trade, so he thought the next reasonable step for him was to go back to school and become a building inspector. "With help from the VA and a great deal of sacrifice from my wife and two children at the time, I was able work full time and still earn my associate degree in building inspection technology," Applegate said.

He quickly learned that the many great traits that made military members so successful were traits that also make building code officials very successful.

"I believe from the bottom of my heart that this career field is one that all veterans and military families can easily transition into," said Applegate. "With dedication and hard work, in conjunction with great mentorship from local building code officials, our veterans can be successful and enter a career field in less than a year with unlimited potential, great salaries and very competitive benefits. And the costs are very low compared to degree programs."

"I spend so much of my time voluntarily promoting [the [Code Council Military Families Career Path program](#)], because I believe in it so strongly and I am so confident that the program will work for veterans and will change lives in a very positive way. "

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