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Alaska State Trooper since 2010
U.S. Marine (2005-2009)

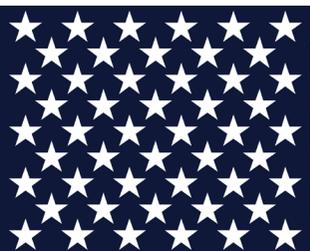
Lott, a Suttons Bay Michigan native, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2005 “realizing this would be my opportunity to participate in ground war against a hostile country.” He then attended recruit training at USMC recruit depot San Diego. After recruit training he went to Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Pendleton, Calif. as well as Light Armored Vehicle Crewman’s course. Upon completion of job schools, Lott was assigned unit was 3rd Light Armored Recon Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. From there, he did two combat deployments to Al Anbar Iraq, first in 2006 and then in 2007-2008. Upon his return, he joined the Mojave Viper desert combat training group as an instructor and controller in urban warfare group-urban assault and building clearing. The Enhanced Mojave Viper exercises were large operations with a great deal of live-fire exercises and other training. Lott got out of the Marines as a corporal because “it was time for me to move on and pursue a LEO career.” He originally planned on applying with the Michigan State Police, however, in 2009 it went through a budget crisis and laid off 100 Troopers. He started looking at different states and its departments and found AST was by far the best option.



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U.S. Army Reserves (1987-1995)

French was never actually considered on active duty long enough to hit veteran status, but he completed Army ROTC while attending Colorado State at Fort Collins and has just under six months of training in the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala. After college and being commissioned as an Army officer, he moved to Jacksonville, Fla. where he joined a reserve MP Company. He served about two years in the company and came close to activating when his unit was told it was going to support the first Gulf War by guarding a parking lot full of equipment at Mayport Naval Air Station in Jacksonville. The equipment was staged there before being shipped to the Gulf and his unit was going to be tasked with providing extra security. The mission was cancelled before it began because Desert Shield and Desert Storm lasted only a few months. He went to inactive reserves after he moved to Fairbanks because he was married to a regular army soldier at the time. “I don’t have quite enough points to be considered a veteran, but it was my introduction to law enforcement,” he said. Like others, French credits the Army for teaching him discipline, organization, and responsibility, qualities he carried to his Trooper career. He joked that he “misses the smell of musty green canvas, but the Mat-Su Valley has helped make up for it.”



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