

Additional info – Jack Austin Jr and other CN employees/veterans

Several veterans, who are in executive leadership roles at CNO, took time out of their extremely busy CNO schedules to pause and reflect on their military service. Assistant Chief, Jack Austin, Jr. served on Active Duty in the U.S. Army from 1987 to 1991. He was stationed in Germany during the fall of the Berlin Wall and was on alert at the time and even has a piece of the Wall at his home. Assistant Chief, who held the rank of specialist and received several awards including the National Defense Service Medal, says serving his country is a proud tradition for his family.

“For me (Veterans Day) is a very emotional, thankful, and proud time,” Assistant Chief says. “I’m very proud to have served our country. Serving our country runs through my family. I can trace back as far as the ‘Battle of New Orleans’ of family members in service. But the one thing about this family history has always been about the sense of serving and not expecting anything in return. I can’t think of one family member who was sworn in because they wanted glory, fame, or any other self-gratifying action. A great example of this is some of my family served before they were even considered U.S. citizens.”