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Travis Guthrie better...  
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# PO1 TRAVIS GUTHRIE

His Navy skills help him launch an awesome career in space.



**Education:** Bachelor's degree, technical management, project management, DeVry University, 2013  
Associate, liberal arts and sciences, mathematics and pre-engineering, San Diego City College, 2011  
Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, 2002

**Civilian Job:** Supervisor, Vehicle Production, Circumferential Friction Stir Weld and Paint  
SpaceX, Hawthorne, Calif.

**Age:** 35



## PERSONAL STATS

- Favorite athlete?**  
LeBron James, now that he's back in Cleveland
- Hobbies?** Golf, fantasy sports
- Favorite device?** iPhone
- Favorite reality show?**  
"Rehab Addict"
- Most hated exercise?**  
Abs, anything with abs
- Deathly afraid of?** Heights

**Military Service:** Navy (2001-2009)  
**Highest Rank:** Petty Officer First Class (E-6)  
**Rating:** MM1 (SW) Nuclear Machinist Mate

**SUPER COOL JOB.** Travis Guthrie is a former Navy nuclear machinist mate who now helps SpaceX build rockets in Southern California. So we had to ask: What's the coolest thing about your job? "We build rockets!" Can't argue with that.

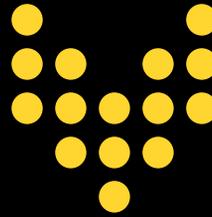
**SPACE TRUCKIN'.** Guthrie, 35, supervises technicians who use friction stir welding in the manufacturing process and apply aerospace coatings to the exterior of completed structures. The company's spacecrafts resupply the International Space Station, and will soon carry astronauts as well.

**IN THE NAVY.** Guthrie joined the Navy to learn skills he could use in a long-term career. Did he ever! As an MM1 (SW), he operated and maintained nuclear reactor mechanical systems on Nimitz-class aircraft carriers.

**TAKING TAP, TWICE.** When his wife became a lawyer in Southern California, it was time to get out. He took TAP twice – once a year out and again a couple months before separation – and used his GI Bill to get a degree. Meanwhile, he worked at the San Diego Naval Shipyard, overseeing repairs and alterations on both surface and subsurface naval vessels.

**ROCKET MAN.** Guthrie connected with SpaceX in 2014 at a hiring fair, launching his career in space travel. Did we mention he builds rockets?

**WHAT CAN YOU LEARN?** "Don't do it alone," Guthrie says. "Use all of the resources made available to help with the transition." Now that advice is out of this world!



**T**ravis Guthrie had a pretty cool job in the Navy. A nuclear machinist mate, he ran and maintained the nuclear reactor on Nimitz-class aircraft carriers. That's not something most Americans do in their early 20s.

Now 35, Guthrie today supervises a crew of technicians that helps build rockets for SpaceX, a company headquartered in Hawthorne, Calif. It's the first private company to design, build and launch rockets to supply the International Space Station for NASA. Pretty cool job.

Guthrie isn't the veteran you usually see on TV. American entertainment and news media tends to focus on combat Marines that kicked in doors in Fallujah, or spent time outside the wire on combat patrols. Guthrie is more the rule than the exception. The overwhelming majority of veterans are NOT coping with PTSD, homelessness or unemployment.

There are many more vets like Guthrie who have great jobs, and it's in large part thanks to their military service. He enlisted in the Navy and got two years of some of the best training in the world before taking on immense responsibility at a very young age – the kind of responsibility in which the people you serve with trust you with their lives.

Guthrie transferred the world-class training, responsibility, leadership, discipline and mission-focus he learned in the military into an exciting, rewarding civilian career. And guess what? Guthrie represents the vast majority of veterans. ▶

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