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### **NCO Spotlight**

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany. 409<sup>th</sup> Contracting Support Brigade

Staff Sgt. Matthew S. Shults, a contract specialist assigned to the 903<sup>rd</sup> Contingency Contracting Battalion in Kaiserslautern, Germany, began his military career in 2004.

Prior to joining the 51C series in 2009, Shults spent the first part of his military career as a medic.

Shults holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Oklahoma. After completing a master's degree in accounting with a concentration in Federal Taxation from Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Shults was anxious to use his education and continue his service with the United States military.

“When I spoke to the career counselor, he mentioned contracting and the advantages of the 51C military occupation specialty. The 51C career field seemed like the perfect area to continue my military career while furthering my business knowledge.” stated Shults.

In 2009, Shults was given the opportunity to reclassify into the 51C contracting MOS. Upon completion of his training with the Defense Acquisition University, Shults reported to the 409<sup>th</sup> Contracting Support Brigade headquarters in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

As a member of the 409<sup>th</sup> CSB, Shults served as an operations non-commissioned officer working in support of exercises and deployments across the 409<sup>th</sup> CSB footprint. He also had the opportunity to



focus on implementing new changes within the training program. In 2010 he was assigned to the 903<sup>rd</sup> Contingency Contracting Battalion's 627<sup>th</sup> Contingency Contracting Team.

"My favorite and probably most valuable time thus far has been attending the 903<sup>rd</sup> CCBN field training exercise. While having not been involved in contracting for very long, by listening to the experiences and advice from other 51Cs across the 409<sup>th</sup>, I was able to learn and add some very useful knowledge to my toolbox," said Shults.

Shults has received three Army Accommodation medals. He is currently working towards completing the requirements for license as a certified public accountant and is interested in furthering his military and contracting education.

"I am really looking forward to getting the opportunity to attend the senior leaders course." Stated Shults.

With a strong educational drive, Shults has his sights set on obtaining recommendation for promotion to Sergeant First Class as well as flexing his contracting muscles out in the field.