

## **Transcript of Margaret Miller, Electronic Systems Specialist**

The coolest part about my job is... I work on radars that control the weapons on navy ships!

I work at the dockyard for FMF Cape Scott, I'm an electronic systems specialist, and I work on radars on navy ships. I do preventative and corrective maintenance on the electronic equipment—on the radars—I use schematics to troubleshoot and I use multimeters, oscilloscopes, function generators and all kinds of test equipment.

Every day is a different job. Most of the work is done on the ship—we could be working outside in a snowstorm, it could be a hot, sunny day like today—every day is a different job.

I worked in retail for many years; I worked management, I worked my butt off and nobody was thankful. The customer wasn't thankful and the management wasn't thankful and you worked really, really hard for very little money. I decided to take a trade; I went to NSCC and I took a walk around and decided the electronic lab was the cleanest, so that's the one I chose.

And I knew that I didn't want just a job, I wanted a career. And so this has been a wonderful opportunity. I went back to NSCC and took electronics for two years. I was hired here, I've been working for six years and it's an absolutely amazing place to work.

It's been the best decision ever; I love my job. I get to do all the fun stuff, and I still get to be girly.

The thing that I like the least about my job is that I have to wear steel-toe boots and a hard hat every day, but I make the most of it and I wear pink. The best part about my job is that my work is very community involved; they support me being involved in Techsploration, Adopt-A-Family, we do great things for the community and it's a fabulous place to work.

If you become an electronic engineer you could work in an industrial plant, you could work in a factory, you could do electronic repair, you could specialize in micro-processing and work in assembly lines, or, you can work in DND.

My advice to girls is to stay in school and keep your sciences and maths, anybody can teach themselves history by reading a book, but it's really tough to teach yourself chemistry.