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Bangor, Maine native, U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Ronald James Everett is a Systems Controller for the U.S. Northern Command.

He assists with computer systems connectivity/integrity, cable fabrication and communications troubleshooting. "The job is similar to a telephone, cable/satellite company's technician," Everett said. "When communications are lost or they have poor connectivity, we find out why and attempt to correct it. It is very satisfying to troubleshoot and help establish or reestablish communications."



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Ronald
Everett
working with
computer
cables.
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Everett joined the Air Force in July of 1986, "to provide for my family, learn a technical skill and travel." And travel he did. He started out in Biloxi, Miss., and then was stationed in Belgium, with numerous temporary duty assignments in Saudi Arabia; Italy; South Korea; Wake Island in the Pacific; Antigua, West Indies; and France.

"One of my favorite trips was to Normandy France while I was stationed in Belgium," he explained. "The people were so friendly toward Americans and the country is so picturesque. People are aware of the history of the area, but when you are at the American cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach, standing among all the white crosses, you get a small glimpse of their sacrifice and a reminder of why you wear the uniform. Of all my travels though, after every tour and every temporary duty, there is nothing like stepping back onto the familiar soil of home. There is absolutely nothing like the United States."

Everett credits his parents, Gordon and Barbara Everett, for his work ethic. They both worked hard and raised four children. He also admires his uncle, Donald Everett. "He is a Vietnam Veteran, and the only other person in my family who served in the military. He raised his hand and did what was asked of him."

Everett said he has enjoyed his time in the service. "As my military career winds down, it's rewarding to watch what once were followers become leaders. To be a leader you need initiative, the foresight to make a difference and the willingness to be held accountable for your actions."

Everett has been with the command since July 2003.

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