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Army Master Sergeant Selects County Public Information Office for Service Learning Project

Master Sergeant Stephen J. Voline is completing a Service Learning Project as a University of West Florida (UWF) student, and selected Okaloosa County Public Information Office as his project. He will be involved in the county television and radio show, as well as the county website, news releases, events and overall public relations. For the Service Learning Project, Voline will log his hours and write about the experience gained working for Okaloosa County.

“This is a great opportunity to reach out to our military community and interact with a local military member in a way that benefits Okaloosa County and Master Sgt. Voline,” stated County Administrator Jim Curry. “I hope we have more opportunities such as this.” Master Sgt. Voline competed among 3,000 applicants to participate in the Army ROTC scholarship program, of which only 116 are selected by the Army for an opportunity to become an Army officer upon graduation.

“I am gaining valued experience already in my objectives to learn more about the public relations process, crisis planning and the use of social networking as a tool in order to reach different publics,” says Voline. “I credit my family for supporting me to accomplish my Army achievements, as well as my ensuing degree.”

Master Sgt. Voline resides in Crestview with his wife, Gilda, their son, Niccolo’ and daughter, Flaminia. He remains on active duty in the U.S. Army while pursuing a degree in Public Relations at UWF. Voline has had an extensive career on the enlisted side, and upon graduation will receive a commission to Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

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