

My name is Tristan Bell. FEC Electric sponsored me into the Electrical Apprenticeship program. One of my family members worked with FEC, and they gave me the opportunity to begin my journey as an electrician. I am a US Marine Veteran, and when I was medically retired, I was looking for a career in the construction industry. I had previous experience in general construction, but I knew I wanted to learn a skilled trade that would be challenging and rewarding.

As a fourth-year apprentice in the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Southern California's Electrical Apprenticeship Program, I've had the privilege of contributing to various projects. From high schools and elementary schools to warehouses, medical facilities, and community centers, I've been part of the team that's building our local communities. This work fills me with a deep sense of pride and purpose.

My experience with the ABC program has been truly exceptional. The unique 'earn while you learn' model has allowed me to support my family and pay my mortgage while advancing my education as an electrician. The program's exceptional instructors have equipped me with the knowledge of codes and standards necessary to pass my state test. I even had the opportunity to compete in the Craft Championships competition, where I placed second among the best apprentices in Southern California. ABC has not only given me a career path after the military but also a sense of purpose and direction in life.

When I retired from the Military, I was at a loss about my future. Thanks to the ABC program, I now have a sense of purpose in helping build our future communities. The skills and knowledge I've gained have inspired me to open my own electrical company, where I plan to employ ABC apprentices and my fellow Veterans. The program has not only given me a career but also the opportunity to own my own home, provide for my family, and even take them on vacations across the world. I am truly grateful for the opportunities and direction that ABC has provided me.

Thank you,

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