



At RNDC and Young's Market Company, we are committed to attracting, developing, and retaining military veterans. In keeping with our core value of family and caring for the well-being of our community, RNDC recognizes and supports associates who are active duty or veterans of the U.S. military.

**Name:** Mark Kelley  
**Title:** Manager of Sales Information Systems  
**Location/Business Unit:** Tustin, California

**Military Branch:** United States Army  
**Military Rank:** Sergeant  
**Service Dates:** 1989 to 1992, active duty. 1992 to 2000, California National Guard



**Please share details about your assignments and/or deployment(s) while serving.**

- I joined the United States Army as a Tanker.
- I went to Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1989.
- I was stationed in Garlstedt, Germany, in 1990.
- I was deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991.
- I returned to Garlstedt, Germany, after Desert Storm and then went to Fort Riley, Kansas.
- I left the Army and joined the California National Guard in 1992.
- I mobilized for the Northridge earthquake in 1994.

**What was your proudest moment, recognition, or accomplishment?**

My proudest moment was being able to serve in Desert Shield/Desert storm. Times were different then – I never expected to fight a war. I am still in contact with many of my army buddies from then. The experience is something that I will forever cherish, although there were some difficult times.



**What was the most valuable experience you gained from your service? How has it helped you in your post-military career?**

My most valuable experience would be teamwork. Working together as a team, especially in a tank crew, is absolutely vital while in the military. It very much applies to the civilian world where you have to work together as a team to get a project completed.

**What do you enjoy most about working at RNDC/Young's?**

I enjoy working with the IT Team, there is a great sense of camaraderie.

**Share one or two FUN FACTS about yourself.**

I've been a huge Star Wars fan since the first movie came out in 1977.

