David Hendrixon joined TTCI as a Damage Prevention Specialist in May 2012. His duties include developing and evaluating freight loading methods, materials, and systems, and performing quality reviews and audits at rail terminals, where motor vehicles are loaded and unloaded from multilevel equipment.

Hendrixon's military career actually started while he was still in high school, joining the Army's Delayed Entry Program in 1995 during his senior year. After graduation, his journey began at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After basic training, he went to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for advanced individual training in the medical field. Then one more stop at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed basic airborne training and became a paratrooper.

His first assignment sent him to Waegwan, South Korea, providing medical aid and logistics support to the United States Pacific Command Theater. After a year in South Korea, he was stationed stateside at Fort Bragg, North Carolina (home of the 82nd Airborne Division). Hendrixon was part of a rapid deployment unit that could deploy anywhere in the world in 18 hours in order to support the U.S. Armed Forces and their allies (NATO) with medical logistics and care. He completed his military commitment in November 1999. During his four years of enlistment, he earned the rank of an E-4 Specialist and received two Army Achievement medals and an Army Commendation medal. He was deployed to numerous countries and has been to every country in Central America.

“The experience taught me a lot,” said Hendrixon, “Especially only being 17 years old when I enlisted.”

Hendrixon says his time as an enlisted soldier taught him about the power of team work and putting safety and the mission first.

“You learn very quickly to take directives from your superiors and accomplish those tasks in a safe, quick manner,” he noted.

Hendrixon's first venture into the railroad industry came in 2000, as a contractor performing mechanical maintenance to multilevel railcars (autorack cars). After advancing to Regional Manager in charge of numerous auto ramps with several different railroads on the east coast, he came across a career opportunity working for TTCI.

Hendrixon holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration-Finance. He and his wife, Stefani, have three dogs and two cats. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, ATV off-roading, and sightseeing with his wife. He's also an avid poker player.

Hendrixon credits much of his current work ethic to his time in the military.

“I think the most important trait the military has taught me, and advice I live by every day, is to never quit and never stop improving,” he said.