

Hello to all,

This is a testimonial of my journey into the exciting world of non-destructive testing (NDT). My name is Oniel Dixon, and I want to start by saying first and foremost that I, like many that may be reading this, did not know that such an advanced career field such as NDT was out there to explore. It was thanks to my father-in-law, Charles Holloway Jr, that I was introduced to what is now the career path that I have followed for the past 15 years.

When I first got married to his daughter, I had no idea that I would also be switching my career into overdrive through the addition of my extended family, namely Charles. Shortly after getting married, Charles introduced me to NDT, which he at the time explained to me what this was and that he performed such inspections while he was enlisted in the Navy, and that it had carried over into his civilian life. I remember thinking "I still have no idea what this is, and it sounds tedious and boring." Well, that turned out to be far from the truth. I can remember the first books he shared with me on ultrasound principles, and he even took me along on a couple jobs with him to gain some experience and to see what it was like in the field. I still was not sold. It wasn't until he signed me up for 2 courses in NDT and even went as far as paying the cost for myself and my best friend, Efrain Munoz, to attend these courses, that I realized how much more he was invested in my future than even myself.

I knew prior to attending that I had to take this seriously, so that his investment wouldn't prove to be fruitless, but I was still not ready for what was about to come. I can say with all honesty that after the courses that we took, the excitement had finally set in. Learning about what the industry is and how important it is to virtually every aspect of life and how diverse it can be, I was finally sold.

With that my career was finally off the ground, but I never expected it to soar like it did. I have since been all across the country, talked to some of the most interesting and knowledgeable people on the subject matter, have been involved with some very important projects, some that I would never have dreamed of otherwise. Who would have thought I'd be involved with working on rocket ships one day right? I have seen and worked with some of the most advanced equipment out there when it comes to x-ray, ultrasound, and some other NDT methods and now my career has taken yet another turn as I have advanced to the next level and have begun teaching courses myself. I know right!

It was all thanks to Charles seeing something in me that I myself did not realize yet, and him knowing how far non-destructive testing could take me or anyone else interested. This has become my passion and I take pride in sharing the knowledge that I have garnered over the years. If you are reading this and have the slightest curiosity about non-destructive testing I urge you to look further into it. I believe that what Charles is doing will create a fun, educational, and caring environment where you can be introduced to, and learn about NDT, the different methods, and how it impacts almost every aspect of everyday life. I fully endorse his endeavor and am excited to see where this venture will take us all. I look forward to your future in NDT.

Sincerely,

Oniel Dixon



Oniel Dixon
Project Manager
ASNT RT III 308838
NAS-410 RT III
GE RT III
UT/ MT / PT Level II