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When I was 12 years old, me and my brother went outside to tell my dad it was time to come inside to eat dinner, my dad had been working on a car all day, my brother went on one side of the car and peaked his head under and started screaming “dad’s dead, dad’s dead” I immediately pull his feet out and drag him and tried to do something to bring him back. Since I couldn't bring him back to life I have always been afraid of not having what it takes to be a Doctor. I have always wanted to be “something” in the field, but could never stay interested once I started doing the “something” because I was afraid. I know that I am passionant about skin health, skin routines, and feeling good in my own skin. I have now decided I want to pursue Physicians Assisting (PA) through the Eastern Virginia Medical School, with hopes of being a Dermatology PA. This is my “something”. After graduation I hope to attend EVMS in the Physicians Assistant program offered there.

I do not have much experience in the healthcare field, well actually as of today 21Jan2022 I have zero experience in the healthcare field. The experience I do have is from my outstanding military career, which in some cases I do have shipboard medical experience, but that's something that comes with being a Sailor. I have been enlisted for 7 years now, I plan to exit the Navy and jump into my “something”. I know it's not the healthcare experience that you are looking for, but I do have experience being in stressful, hard to make decisions, thinking fast on your feet situations; which I think is needed when you do work in the healthcare field. The last 3 years in my career have been spent doing Navy Recruiting, doing this job has given me experience with being respectful to others, which you would get from bedside manner training. Being a great leader is also important, because it shows you can work well with others. In my time in the Navy I have always been ranked high in my ability to lead and work well with others which I feel is necessary in the healthcare field. It takes more than one person to save a life. I know I will be a good candidate for this school because I have what it takes, and the willingness to strive through this program. I am ready for this journey, I have overcome my fear and no longer let the childhood trauma I experienced block me from doing something I am passionate for. I had a late start in my career with getting the training necessary to be competitive for this program, but I had no choice other than to join the military because my family was poor and I didnt have the resources to go to school at first.

I may not have what it takes to be competitive for Eastern Virginia Medical Schools Masters of Physicians Assisting, but I do have what it takes to be a student in this program. My military career has given me the tools necessary to work in stressful situations, how to be a leader, and working with the public through my time as a Navy recruiter. I hope that you too see that I have what it takes to be the “something” in life I always knew I could be. This is my plan after I graduate Old Dominion College, and the only plan I have spent my time planning on exiting the Navy.