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Personal Statement

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My interest in the medical field dates back to my childhood, where I venerated my father's distinguished twenty year career as a Hospital Corpsman in the Navy. The thought of serving your country and working in a highly rewarded profession only further stimulated my desire to pursue a career in the medical field. At many points in my father's career, he served as the only medical provider for marine and fleet units in times of deployment. In addition, he performed duties in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury and assisted health care professionals in providing medical care to sailors and their families. My father always spoke highly of the professionals he worked under, more so the Physician Associates he worked alongside with. My father has always been a huge inspiration to me, and the reason why the career of Physician Associate within the Navy has always been a focal point of mine.

In recent years, my interest in becoming a PA in the Navy has been cemented. During high school, I was involved in the Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps. For four years, I was embroiled and molted into the man I am today based on the instillation of its values of leadership, service to the community, teamwork, and much more. Using the experience and teachings when I was accepted into undergraduate school, I carried these teachings over. They've had a profound effect upon me as I rose to leadership roles in each club I'm in. That includes rising to the position of Treasurer in the Pre Health Club after three semesters. In the Japanese American Student Association, I rose to the position of serving on its board. Furthermore, I've stepped out of my comfort zone and volunteered for greater causes. These experiences include volunteering to become an Emergency Medical Technician in order to further give back to my community and to gain more experience in a medical environment. I've also spent a considerable time going overseas to Greece to volunteer at hospice clinics for the less fortunate. The road to becoming a PA in the Navy has been immense, but the experiences I've gone through only stiffens my resolve.

In conclusion, my number one career goal at this moment is to become a Physician Associate within the United States Navy. For years on end, I've gained valuable knowledge going into working into the medical field. I've always wanted to give back to my community and to my country and serve in a higher capacity. I've dreamed and dreamed of this opportunity and my resolve to achieve my career goal has never been any higher. Ever since I was a child I have dreamed of the work one can achieve for his country and in a medical working environment. That's why I strive to have the career as a Naval Physician Associate.