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Motto: "If you don't try at anything, you can't fail... it takes back bone to lead the life you want"-Richard Yates

Age: 33

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Rank: Chief Petty Officer

Military Service:

2003-2013 US Navy

EDUCATION:

- University of Maryland, University College(2013)
Bachelors of Science, Criminal Justice

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- Military Working Dog Team Leader, Naval Special Warfare Development Group
- Military Working Dog Leading Chief Petty Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story

Tell us a fun fact about you:

I was the mascot in undergrad and got into school under academic probation.

Why did you join the military?

I joined a year after graduating high school. While sitting in a college class one day I decided that there was something out there that was greater than what I was doing so I walked down to the recruiting station. At the time the Navy recruiter was the only one in so I decided to speak with them. Single best decision I have ever made.

What is the greatest single lesson you learned from your Military Service?

That you are as only good as the team around you. I found that with all my successes that it was the team who got me there.

Why did you apply for the Veterans Accelerated Management Program?

I own my own business and I know that there are things that I can learn. I would like to scale it one day and I know this will be a huge asset to getting there.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next chapter of your life, both professionally and personally?

Continue to have a successful business and be able to show my children what you can do when you have an idea and a passion for that idea.

What would you tell today's American public about our nation's Veterans transitioning out of the military?

The opportunities for veterans are endless. It seems everywhere you turn someone or some organization is there to help. I'd also say that your military experience doesn't always mean you'll get the job and if that happens continue to keep pushing. A lot of companies want to hire you but it's up to you to best describe your experiences in a way they can understand. Utilizing different people and non-profits can help you do that.