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I knew I wanted to be a nurse when as a child, I accompanied my grandmother to help care for elderly neighbors. Although my grandmother wasn't a nurse, her impact made me want to care for and make a difference in the lives of others.

The best thing about my job is the people I am privileged to serve each and every day.

My most prominent memory of being a nurse is serving as a clinical educator for the Navy Nurse Corps nurse residency program. I love teaching, and this was a unique opportunity to impact the future of Navy nursing.

I was most challenged when I deployed onboard the USNS Comfort as a member of medical operations. I was fortunate to have a supportive team that set me up for success but also challenged me to work outside my comfort zone.

My most memorable patient experience was caring for a Marine with brain cancer who was determined to live to see his daughter graduate from high school. Unfortunately, he was too debilitated to attend the graduation, so the staff arranged for a ceremony at the hospital.

My nurse superpower is mentoring.