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I knew I wanted to be a nurse when my mother was hospitalized. I appreciated the care she received and wanted to have such an impact on people's lives.

The best thing about my job is the privilege to lead my fellow service members. As a servant leader, I thrive on opportunities to contribute to the personal and professional growth of others.

My most prominent memory of being a nurse was when I worked at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Then-President Obama and Vice President Pence each visited my unit.

I was most challenged when I was deployed to Afghanistan as an operating room nurse from December 2011 to July 2012. One trauma patient, in particular, was undergoing multiple surgeries over several hours and into the night. It was an intense and stressful experience.

My most memorable patient experience was taking care of warfighters while deployed to Iraq from November 2008 through July 2009.

My nurse superpower is multitasking. In addition to my bachelor's degree in nursing, I've earned a master's degree in conflict resolution and conciliation.