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Travis Causey

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Travis Causey

Travis Causey was born on June 16, 1986 in Anaheim California. He attended Earhart Middle School and graduated from Martin Luther King High School in 2005. After graduating from King High School, he went to college for four and a half years. Then, he decided that he wanted to enlist into the US Navy to which his parents were excited but were also worried at the same time. Travis Causey, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, volunteered for his military service. Enlisting to serve his country has been rooted into his family, which is also one of the main reasons he wanted to join the Navy after graduating college. In fact, if it weren't for the Navy, his grandparents would never have met, and he would not have been born.

Travis Causey was apart of boot camp. During his time in boot camp, he witnessed and dealt with discrimination because he is an atheist. He also had to learn to deal with stress and pressure on a daily basis. He said he dealt with pressure and stress by, "Just dealing with it." On Travis Causey's uniform, he has stripes and medals indicating years of service and what he specializes

in. His parents also gave him a ring for passing boot camp. He has ten challenge coins total indicating where he went and what happened there. He has travelled to many places including Vietnam, Philippines, Guam, Cambodia, Japan, Okinawa, etc. He stated, "All of my experiences were positive." After boot camp, he was really scared, but realized that at some point, being scared has to go away and stepping up is the real challenge. In response to the December 4th shooting in San Bernardino, he said, "There comes a time when you have to stop being scared and just get angry." Travis Causey has not yet been deployed into a war zone and has not been a POW (Prisoner of War).

When he serves, Travis Causey's favorite place to be deployed is mainland Japan because of the cultural heritage. He has delivered 276 babies and has been stationed in San Diego more than once. To get higher in the rankings, he has had to take tests in order to do so. The current Advancement Exam test he is trying to pass has 175 questions which are pulled from a near 3,000 question study guide. He has worked on a ship and has had to work sixteen hours a day, seven days a week. When his ship stopped at Pearl Harbor, they docked next to the USS Arizona. Travis Causey knew family members and friends of his family who died in the Pearl Harbor bombing attack, making this trip special.

Overall, the military has been a positive experience for Travis Causey. It has provided him with financial stability, health care, and a sense of pride. The best war to fight is the one you can avoid. But sometimes war cannot be avoided and must be fought. In fifteen years, he will be able to retire and he will be able to leave the Navy if he chooses to do so. The Navy was a great experience for Travis Causey, and he encourages young men and women to join the military for at least two years.