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At the young age of 18, I found myself facing a daunting reality - I was going to be a father. As a black teenage father growing up in a rough neighborhood, the odds were stacked against me. However, I was determined to defy the statistics and create a better future for myself and my child.

Despite the challenges I faced, I remained focused on my goals. I took on part-time jobs while finishing high school to provide for my young family. Juggling schoolwork, a job, and parenting was no easy feat, but I was determined to succeed. My son became my motivation, driving me to work harder and strive for a better life.

After graduating from high school, I made a life-changing decision - I enlisted in the US Navy. The structured environment and opportunities for advancement appealed to me, and I saw it as a way to provide stability for my family. My journey in the military was not without its challenges, but I approached each obstacle with determination and resilience.

During my time in the Navy, I excelled in my training and quickly rose through the ranks. My leadership skills and dedication to duties did not go unnoticed, and I was eventually selected for specialized training programs as a drug and Alcohol Counselor. I seized every opportunity for advancement, constantly seeking ways to improve myself and my skills.

As I advanced in his military career, I also pursued higher education, taking advantage of the military's educational benefits. I earned a degree in leadership and management, further enhancing my capabilities as a leader. My commitment to self-improvement and continuous learning set me apart from his peers and opened doors to new opportunities.

Throughout my military career, I was able to serve in various roles and deployments, facing challenges that tested my strength and resolve. Whether leading my team in high-pressure situations or being deployed to unfamiliar territories, I remained steadfast in my commitment to my duties, my fellow service members and most importantly, my family.

After years of dedicated service, I reached the pinnacle of his military career - he was promoted to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, a testament to my hard work, leadership skills, and dedication. My success served as an inspiration to many, especially young black men who saw in me a role model and proof that with perseverance and determination, anything is possible.

Today, I stands as a shining example of perseverance and success. From being a teenage father facing uncertain prospects to becoming a respected leader in the military, my journey is a testament to the power of determination, hard work, and resilience. Terrance's story serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, showing that no obstacle is insurmountable with the right mindset and unwavering dedication.

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