My history of service in the United States Army

Born February 24, 1990 to Dr. David W. Gadson a prior service Infantryman and Eurmin L. Gadson a school teacher I started my journey to military service well before enlistment. My upbringing was humble as the eldest of 8 children my living conditioned forced me to be creative and disciplined at a young age. My father’s guidance and structure could be paralleled with Basic Training as I learned organization and time management. This baseline propelled me years later to pursue a career of my own in the military.

On April 22, 2009 I enlisted in the U.S. Army as an 88M Motor Transport Operator. My experience in Basic Training was demanding however I adapted quickly thanks to my strong foundation ultimately being recognized as the distinguished honor graduate of my class. The next step in my military learning experience at Advance Individual Training established my passion for logistics. Once my initial training was complete I ventured on to my first assignment with the 1st Armored Division.

I was placed in Delta Troop, 6/4 Calvary regiment; among Scouts and Infantrymen I quickly learned the army model of servant leadership. I spent a total of three years at my unit 12 months of which were spent in the dessert of Afghanistan where training end and all my knowledge would finally go into practical application. The leaders that groomed me saw my potential and always placed me in positions of increase responsibility in order to develop my competence and confidence. My time as a logistician in the CAV instilled a deep since of pride for the rich heritage of my unit and gave me the necessary experience I would draw from as a leader later in my career. My journey continued in Hawaii when I was reassigned to the 25th Infantry Division. I reach my unit as a brand new Sergeant E-5 newly promoted and ready to lead Soldiers. Based on my demonstrative character I instantly was giving a variety of duties to include Funeral Honors, Range Safety, Hazmat and Remedial Reconditioning NCOIC. Each individual assignment helped Improve a different aspect of my leadership all while helping me discover my leadership style.

My senior leaders also provided excellent feedback that enable me to polish my shortfalls and focus on attention to detail. My time spent as a Sergeant in the 25th help me mature as a leader and establish the lessons learned I would use to better serve my organization at the next echelon. I left Hawaii a Staff Sergeant with the tools and knowledge that breeds confidents into other future leaders. I transferred to the 1st Armored Divisions Sustainment Brigade, Fort Bliss Texas. I served in a multitude of positions from Operations to Platoon Sergeant all with unique challenges that required me to draw from past experiences and develop Effective solutions. My path to success was paved through unified effort establishing common goals my subordinates could collaborate; I found adding a sense of value greatly increases the results. My experience as an NCO has been truly humbling I continuously seek to learn from senior peers and subordinates alike I believe everyone has something to offer the organization. With proper mentorship, experience and hard work I believe any Soldier can be turned into a successful leader.