FROM ARMY SOLDIER TO SAP DEVELOPER

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Video Transcript

From being in a war zone, to fighting cancer, to starting a family, I would have never imagined that I would actually end up in the IT community where my career took off.

I am Aleathia Coles-Dixon. I'm an SAP developer at Accenture.

I joined the army after 9/11 because I wanted to be on the front lines to protect people. Going through training was just the beginning of my journey. The day after my 24th birthday, I was actually diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. So, at an early age, you know, being diagnosed was very hard.

In 2009, I was actually in remission from cancer, and I was able to meet my wife, and now we have two daughters, 16 and 10.

After the army, I went overseas to Afghanistan as a counterintelligence screener with a contracting company out of D.C.

NS2 Serves is there to help us transition from military life into civilian careers. 2015 I went into the NS2 program, and they taught us a 3-month course on SAP. So, once I left there, I was actually offered a job at Accenture.

Definitely, within the army, they teach you to be very adaptive and, then, coming into the civilian world, in IT things change daily, weekly, monthly. So, being adaptive and being able to learn a new level of skills that's, like, the biggest thing that I've taken from my military career into my civilian career.

Accenture is definitely good for military vets because you have to learn your job, you have to learn very quickly, and you have to set that high bar to meet.

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