Student Spotlight

The AANA Foundation is pleased to present Student Spotlight, a feature that recognizes student registered nurse anesthetists who have captured attention through their dedication to education, professional excellence, and overall commitment to advancing nurse anesthesia.

Edward Deveau, RN, BSN

Ed Deveau, RN, BSN, has a long history of dedication, loyalty, and providing service to others. Ed served in the United States Marine Corps for over 21 years. During this time, he went on numerous deployments overseas with the 1st Marine Division, serving in a diverse array of leadership roles.

Upon joining the Marine Corps, he worked as a mechanic. During his time on active duty, he advanced to the role of a logistics officer and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Master in Business Administration. As an officer, Deveau led as many as 200 marines. This responsibility required precise communication at multiple levels in order to prioritize, plan, obtain, and supervise the movement of supplies, vehicles, and staff required to support military operations for over 3,000 marines. His peers described him as a natural leader, and he was recognized throughout his military career with numerous awards and honors. After retiring from the military, Ed knew that he wanted to continue to serve others, so he began on the challenging road to becoming a CRNA.

Deveau took a career assessment test while he was in the Marine Corps. While he was aboard the USS Essex in the Western Pacific he reviewed the results of this test. The career assessment test highlighted the nursing field as a natural fit for his strengths and personality. This exam served as a springboard for Ed’s bright career in nursing and his current career trajectory as a CRNA. Ed states, “After I received the results of the career assessment test I began to explore the opportunities available within nursing. As I read about the vital role CRNAs play in America’s healthcare delivery system, I knew that the challenging and intellectually stimulating role of a CRNA would complement my talents and previous training well. I could not be more pleased with my decision to become a CRNA!”

Deveau is now nearing the end of his education and training at Texas Christian University. Ed’s unique background molded him into the person he is today. He continues to stand out as a leader and is actively involved within the profession. He brings leadership and professionalism to the operating room and to Texas Christian University. In addition to excelling academically and clinically, Ed has attended two AANA Mid-Year Assemblies to advocate for CRNAs in Washington, D.C.

With his military background and extensive leadership experience, it is easy to see why Ed is known as a leader amongst his peers. Kay Sanders, CRNA, DNP, program director at TCU, says Deveau is an “impressive man that always goes beyond the call of duty. His name is synonymous with hard work, professionalism, and dedication. He is already a tremendous asset to the profession.”