



James Papier

Although born in San Diego, my early childhood was spent living in a small town in Ohio. My family moved to Arizona just before middle school and lived there on a small ranch until I graduated high school. I was raised by my mother and my grandparents.

My grandfather was a Navy Corpsman in WWII and the Korean War and instilled in me an appreciation of the Armed Forces and a strong sense of duty to serve. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame I enlisted in the Army as a Medic and was stationed at JBLM. I deployed to Afghanistan in support of OEF12 with 4-2 SBCT, re-enlisted, and spent the rest of my time in the Army as the medic for 3rd detachment, C52 IN (LRS)(ABN).

During my time at JBLM, I worked on the line, at company sick call, at Winder Clinic, and rotated through Madigan's ER during Advanced EMT training. My wife, children, and I have all been Madigan patients, and my daughter was born at Madigan. All this is to say I am intimately familiar with the military healthcare experience in this region.

After the Army and before joining the US Family Health Plan I worked in medical device consulting, first in orthopedics/sports medicine and then in radiation oncology. Both of these positions were focused on the Pacific Northwest where I worked with clinics and hospitals throughout the region.

I am excited to be back working with the tremendous community that is our nation's service members, families, and retirees. I didn't know the US Family Health Plan was an option when I was a soldier. I wish I *had* known – I would have happily enrolled my family in the plan because of the ease of access to their healthcare team, the increased freedom of choice, and the ability to shift their care outside of the military treatment facility and into more intimate civilian clinics.

I hope to help the community make the most informed choice about their health care that they can. I look forward to helping you.