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DEVELOPED GOALS AND A PHILOSOPHY FOR HIMSELF

(Howard, how did you, when you got out, did you go ahead with your education?)

Yes, but here's the thing, let me tell you from my experience you begin to set a goal for yourself. You are not going no place if you don't have a goal. Reason why I say the best thing that ever happened to me was in the army was this: I made a PFC when I got out of basic training. And that meant something to me, one stripe on my shoulder, I mean my arm and \$5 raise in pay. All right, then I begin to see these corporal's in the army. They had these private rooms while everybody else lived together, out in the hall and everything else. And I just kinda thought, I'd like to be a corporal. I'd like to have my own private room. I just thought that the only way I'm going to get that is by working hard, taking orders from my superiors and do whatever they ask me. And a lot of times if they ask for a volunteer, I'll volunteer, I showed them that I'm going to be a good worker. I want to get more than a PFC. I want a private room of my own, I want to be a corporal. Three months after I was PFC I got promoted to corporal. I was on the list of promotions that went in and everybody come in and congratulated me and said