

Where Are They Now? Kahli Anderson *continued from front page*

choice for an assignment. She had a strong interest in World War II history based on spending a lot of time with, and having discussions with, her grandfather, David Anderson. David Anderson is a renowned artist from Vernonia who has shown an art exhibit based on the holocaust called "To Break a Butterfly." He also created an art piece for one of the Japanese crown princesses in 1990. Anderson also noted that her favorite class during her studies at Pacific University was "Holocaust Literature."

"I had always had a huge interest in World War II after spending so much time with my grandfather and discussing what had happened during the holocaust and what had happened in Japan," says Anderson. "It was something I always wanted to go and experience, and the culture there is really amazing."

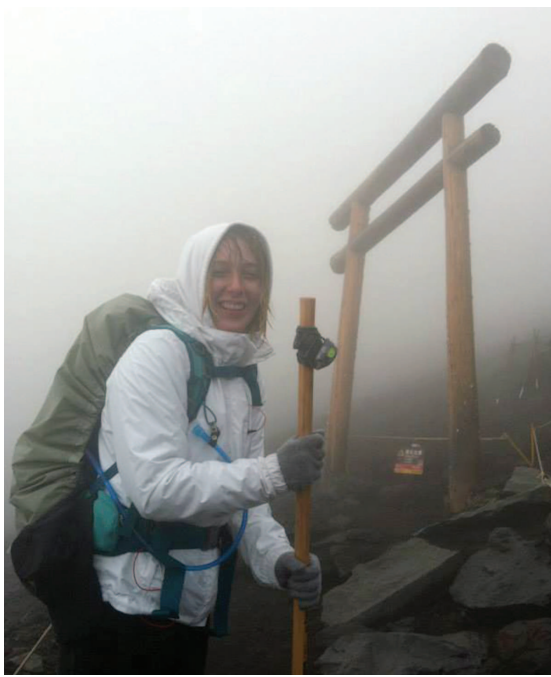
Following training at a joint base in Texas with medics from the Air Force, Anderson was sent to Yukosuka, Japan, where she spent two eventful years. She arrived right after the tsunami hit Japan in 2011 and there was a lot of volunteer work. "There was a project called Tomodachi for the allied forces to help with tsunami relief," explains Anderson. "We went up near the Fukushima nuclear power plant to try to help because a lot of those cities and towns had just been completely demolished."

Anderson says she also had an opportunity to travel all over Japan, including visiting Hiroshima and

climbing Mt. Fuji.

Following her time in Japan, Anderson was sent to the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California, where she is still stationed. She is currently working in Labor and Delivery, has also done training in the ICU, and is part of a Decontamination Team.

In her spare time Anderson says she continues to volunteer her time; in Japan she volunteered as a children's softball coach. She has also been working on her schooling in preparation



Kahli Anderson climbing Mt. Fuji while stationed in Japan.

for nursing school. She says she has also taken up surfing. "I'm not that amazing at it, but I do really like it a lot."

Apparently the idea of service runs in the family. Anderson's mother Lisa Hood is a nurse and her younger



Anderson with her patients Hazel and Shelby Bolivar at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California where she is now stationed.

brother Jonathon Anderson is currently serving as a Corporal in the United States Marines, stationed at Miramar near San Diego. Jonathon will be discharged in June and plans to attend school in Calgary to study sports medicine.

With her enlistment coming to an end in February of 2017, Anderson says she plans to withdraw from the military and use her GI Bill to return to school and study nursing. "After I get my nursing degree I might return as an officer and be a nurse for the Navy Corp, or just work on the civilian side as a nurse."

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