IN THIS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, Insight has chosen to recognize ASORN member Rebecca Snider.

Rebecca’s story begins with a commitment to our country as a member of the Air Force for four years, along with her spouse who also served in the Air Force. Upon the birth of her first two children, she left the big squadron to become a stay at home mother. If the task of motherhood wasn’t enough of a challenge itself, at a young age both of the children were diagnosed with autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). Fortunately, Rebecca and her husband found some relief in getting the children into therapy and, as a result, the children progressed exceptionally well. Rebecca was so inspired as a result of this positive experience in the healthcare field that she decided she wanted to give back to society by becoming a part of the healthcare field.

With the encouragement and support of her husband, Rebecca decided to return to school to become a Registered Nurse. Her husband and family transferred from Fairchild Air Force base in Washington to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. At that time, the children were ages three and four, with a third child on the way. Despite what most would consider an already full plate, Rebecca enrolled in a nursing program at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Illinois. During this time, her husband was also working on his Bachelor’s degree to be followed by enrollment in a dual Master’s degree program.

After four years stationed in Illinois, Rebecca’s husband was transferred back to Washington. She had one semester of nursing school left. Her husband had previously deployed on his Air Force missions, leaving Rebecca to care for the children. However, with his encouragement and selfless wish for Rebecca to finish her professional goal, he returned to Washington with the children and Rebecca remained in Illinois to complete that last semester of her nursing program. Upon her return to Washington, Rebecca continued her education at Washington State University. In 2010 she received the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

As a new graduate, Rebecca worked in a hospital setting for fifteen months. Through a friend, she learned of an employment opportunity for a Registered Nurse at the Spokane Eye Clinic. Rebecca applied for the job, was hired and has now been at the clinic for three years. Her many duties include fluorescein angiogram injections, assistant to the research coordinator, record keeping of new employee immunizations, and blood draws. Rebecca joined ASORN to network with other nurses in ophthalmology.

We can all benefit from her enthusiasm and dedication to the nursing profession. Welcome to the society Rebecca!

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