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Discussion 1 Response:

Quite honestly, I believe it's a "case-to-case" kind of situation. I mean, on one hand you could have a person that grew up in a family/environment full of law enforcement and/or military so they would be accustomed to that sort of environment and it's just second nature to them, so they might not go through a "metamorphosis" like someone who maybe had a difficult life and had to work through a lot of issues to make it to the point of becoming an officer.

I also think that Professor Kirkham's metamorphosis was singular to him particularly because of the reasoning behind his decision. It didn't seem like he initially went in because he had a strong sense of pride driving him, or that he craved serving his country; he just seemed like he wanted to know what it was like, to gain that experience, so that he could relate with those students of his that were law enforcement. Once he actually went through the experience is when I think he did gain that sense of pride about being an officer of the law and realized that it was definitely not what he thought.