Over the last seven-to-eight months I transitioned careers completely. I had spent the last 15 years in the US Navy. I had wanted to transition out for years, but it was challenging and never a good time.

The last few years were rough, so I was fed up, and finally moved on last November to pursue being a full-stack software engineer. I was a software engineer prior to joining.

So far, I have made the right choice. It was not easy. I spent years learning, building a portfolio, and it has really paid off. Currently, I work two full-time full-stack positions doing DOD work. It is not glamourous coding, but it is modern. I enjoy the flexibility I have gotten back from the transition.

In all that, I have actively been pursuing my degree from Academy of Art. Leaving the military gave me the time to attend full-time and reach a goal I have had for almost 20 years.