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My journey has been one of transformation, adaptability, and service. Since 2010, I've served in the Navy, first as a missile technician and later as a helicopter mechanic. These experiences instilled in me a meticulous attention to detail, strategic problem-solving skills, and a commitment to excellence—qualities that have carried over into every facet of my professional life.

Translating my technical experience into academia, in 2015, I earned an Associate's degree in Technical Studies with an emphasis on Engineering principles from Excelsior College. Further expanding my expertise, in 2021, I attained my Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate from Villanova University, my Certified Assistant Project Manager Certificate from Virginia Wesleyan University in 2023, and had the honor of participating in the 2023 Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans at UCLA. Each of these achievements has reinforced my ability to lead, strategize, and drive innovation.

These skills have fueled the foundation of my Business Development Consultancy, established in 2021, where I partner with entrepreneurs—particularly Black and Brown business owners—to provide thought partnership, project management, and strategic advisement. I am passionate about economic empowerment and ensuring that marginalized business owners have the tools and guidance they need to succeed.

In addition to business consulting, I am a licensed real estate agent in both California since 2023, and Virginia, since 2024, with Maryland and Pennsylvania soon to follow. I am also certified to teach the Virginia Housing Development Authority's First-Time Homebuyers Education Course. My work in real estate is not just about transactions—it is about community ownership, economic empowerment, and reclaiming space. The concept of "buying back the block" is at the heart of my work, and I have actively conceptualized and prioritized projects that align with this vision for collective prosperity.

Beyond business and real estate, my commitment to social change runs deep. As a co-founder of Nriife Roots Collective, I work to advance food sovereignty and community empowerment through our holistic development initiatives. As a Technical Assistant Cohort Participant and Provider with Our Space World, I offer business development services and grant writing to uplift black and brown farmers across the country. My engagement with the Transform Gender Collective's Transformative Justice Pilot allows me to contribute to systemic change and equity-focused initiatives.

I welcome opportunities to collaborate with visionaries, entrepreneurs, and change-makers who are committed to building sustainable, community-driven solutions. Let's connect and create something meaningful together.