# Marlon Ricks

## **Lead Product Designer**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Intuitive experience designer with venture capital and entrepreneurial experience.

Taking on difficult problems throughout the design cycle, so others can enjoy simple solutions.

#### **SKILLS**

**Tools:** Figma, Adobe Creative Cloud, Sketch, Webflow, Framer, Descript, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace & A.I. **Languages:** HTML, CSS, Python, Dart, Flutter, & JavaScript

Methods: User Research, Competitive Analysis, User Testing, Branding, Prototyping, Wireframing & Mock-ups

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Zenith Motor Club | Remote, USA

Oct. 2022 - Feb. 2025

Founder & UX Engineer

- Used the user centered design process to complete the native mobile and web app
- Integrated financial and operational systems to develop a seamless, multi-platform experience

#### Lowe's | Remote, USA View Project

Sep. 2021 – Oct. 2022

Product Designer: UX Architect

- Led the architecture and designing of the enterprise-level Data Quality and Taxonomy Admin Portal
- Worked in dual-agile teams to rapidly complete multiple enterprise software projects

#### Veterans United Home Loans | Remote, USA View Project

June 2021 - Sep. 2021

Product Designer & Developer

- Designed and developed a responsive webpage to educate users on the pros and cons of homeownership
- Led project workflow, conducted user research, created prototypes, and delivered an interactional web page

#### Thinkful | San Francisco, California

Jan. 2021 - June 2021

User Interface Immersion

- Used agile product design processes to iterate through the product design cycle
- Developed visual designs & delivered functional prototypes

#### Sultan Ventures | Honolulu, Hawaii

Jan. 2019 – May 2019

Business Development Intern

- Prepared industry research reports and presented business initiatives
- Sourcing & conducted due diligence of potential portfolio startups

### U.S. Army | Grafenwöhr, Germany

Nov. 2013 - May 2017

Health Care Specialist

- Managed Medical Readiness (immunizations) for Grafenwöhr Training Post
- Trained soldiers in basic lifesaving skills

## **PROJECTS**

#### Level View Project

- A mental health app for military veterans
- Formed project strategy, used design thinking process & produced interactive prototype
- Tech: Figma, Adobe Creative Cloud, Google Workspace & Notion

#### SafeWorks View Project

- A mobile DeFi (decentralized finance) solution for unbanked workers
- Defined project strategy, conducted user research, usability testing, and produced high fidelity prototypes
- Tech: Adobe Creative Cloud, Google Workspace & Notion

# **EDUCATION**

<b>Golden Gate University,</b> San Francisco, California Bachelor of Arts, Business Management	2018
Awards & Certifications	
Project Management, Google	2021
UX/UI Design, Thinkful	2021
Advanced Google Analytics, Google	2021
Financial Accounting: Advanced Section, Harvard Business Publishing	2018
Distinguished Honor Graduate/Secret Clearance, Department of Defense	2014