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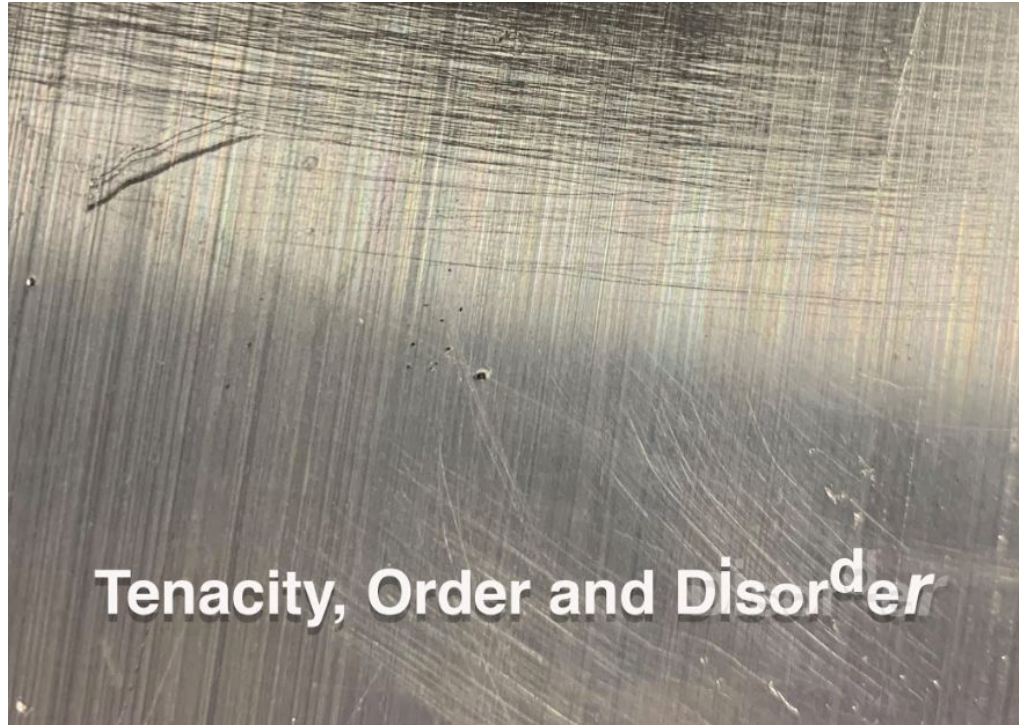
Tenacity, Order and Disorder

My work is about empowerment. It is empowering to use tools and make things with my own hands. It is in the making that gives me a sense of control and strength in this chaotic world. Some pieces are planned while others are more intuitive and free. I use plasma arc cutting for the subtractive pieces and FCAW, ARC or TIG welding for the additive sculptures.

The idea of using metal comes from my past experience as a welder/machinist in the Air Force. Metal is a tough medium and I believe it conveys the themes of strength and tenacity through its materiality. My work may read as abstract objects in space. However, as a whole, they have an overarching narrative of personal history, identity, perseverance and tenacity in the face of adversity. Each work is intended to spark conversation and inquiry into the meaning behind the process and materials, whether it be my own story or that of the viewer.

The work with the seemingly odd shapes are camouflage from military BDU's. I would wear Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU's) daily, so the camouflage shapes are taken from those uniforms. The blue paint comes from the Dress Blues I would wear on special occasions. The silver accent symbolizes the medals we would wear on our uniforms. The use of black comes from the polished shine of combat boots.

Being able to manipulate such a rugged material is empowering. The process of manipulation and the material itself both represent empowerment, strength, and tenacity.



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Artist Talks: 7pm - 8pm



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Abstracted Camouflage (1, 2 & 3)
2' x 4', 4' x 5', 2' x 4'
Plasma cut steel, soapstone
2019



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Camouflage 1
4' x 5'
Plasma cut steel
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Camouflage in Black

8" x 16"

Plasma cut and welded steel, paint

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Twisted Cami
24" x 18"
Plasma cut and welded steel, paint
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Climbing Camo
4' x 2'
Plasma cut and welded steel, paint
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Lucy Manalo
Morphing Metal Pair
60" x 6" x 6"
Plasma cut steel, paint
2019



