

Midshipman Regan Kibby originally from San Diego, enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in high school. The summer after his junior year, he attended the summer program, at the U.S. Naval Academy, But just as certain as Regan felt about his future career to become a Naval officer, he also knew something else about himself. Since he was a child, he had simply not felt like a girl.

But in 2015, during Regan's "plebe summer" — the intense training program for incoming freshmen at the academy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter announced that the Pentagon would move to allow transgender people to serve openly.

With that announcement, Regan started identifying as transgender to a few members of the group, then to his roommates, and finally, in his second semester, to his company officer.

He started searching for clinics that provide transgender services and that accept Tricare, the military's health insurance.

He found one. He took a year off from the Academy to transition from female to male. He went back home to North Carolina. During that year he start studying with a rabbi to convert to Judaism.

In the summer of 2018 Regan fully transitioned, he converted to Judaism. He is in his final year at the US Naval Academy.

On September 6th and 7th Midshipman Regan Kibby will be telling his story as our guest speaker at Beth Israel.