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Creating valuable  
networking relationships



# MVO TASK FORCE CONNECT NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME:**  
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The month of May also known as World Trade Month has been recognized in the U.S. since 1938, and we use this month to celebrate the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy. NVBDC and the MVO Task Force is first to recognize the significance of International Trade as we have and continued to embrace partnerships with international organizations. Our goal is to ensure we provide the best opportunities available nationally and internationally for our NVBDC certified service disabled/veteran owned businesses.

It all started in 1927 when World Trade Month was first celebrated as World Trade Week by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. According to the Chamber, "This occurred during a time of isolationism and under the conditions prevailing during the heyday of the restrictive Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act." By 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made World Trade Week a national observance to be celebrated during the third week of May each year. Roosevelt made this proclamation after he won passage of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act in 1934. Finally in 1938 World Trade Week has been celebrated during the entire month of May by a number of federal agencies, state trade offices, area chambers of commerce, World Trade Centers, trade associations, and other public and private organizations. (Source: World Trade Month - [Home](#))

The MVO Task Force has expanded globally reaching beyond the borders of the continental United States as we continue to join forces with various organizations that have reach across the globe such as our long-standing partnership with the International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge Foundation to our newest partnership with the International Trade Administration.

We are in our 4th consecutive year partnering with the World Trade Week NYC 2024. World Trade Week NYC is an active network of more than 70 organizations in the New York metro region working together to underscore the importance of international trade, logistics and port operations to the region's economy and to use their collective expertise to help the region's businesses grow through international trade. World Trade Week NYC is hosted by the New York District Export Council. (source: World Trade Week New York - [worldtradeweeknyc.org](#))

I hope you enjoy this current issue of our NVBDC MVO TF Newsletter. Take a minute to meet a few of our fellow TF members, learn about NVBDC's expanding horizons and check out all the exciting upcoming events hosted by our task force partners. Don't hesitate to register for these events today!

**Together we can achieve more for America's Heroes.**

**Kathryn M. Poynton, LTC (ret)**  
Director, MVO TF  
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## EXPANDING HORIZONS: NVBDC'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO TAKE VETERAN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION GLOBAL

In an era where veteran entrepreneurship is becoming a pivotal part of the global economic fabric, NVBDC is leading the charge in empowering SD/VOBs to reach their full potential. Recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities that come with veteran entrepreneurship, NVBDC has embarked on a significant initiative through partnerships with the ITA and VetsGoGlobal. This collaboration is aimed at taking veteran business certification global, thereby opening new avenues for growth and collaboration on an international scale.

NVBDC has established itself as the premier organization in certifying SD/VOBs in the U.S. States. Its certification process is rigorous, ensuring that only legitimate veteran-owned entities receive the designation. This certification is crucial, as it opens doors to a myriad of opportunities, including access to corporate and government contracts specifically set aside for SD/VOBs.

Recently, NVBDC embarked on a strategic partnership with the ITA's VetsGoGlobal initiative which marks a groundbreaking effort to take the benefits of veteran business certification beyond the shores of the United States. ITA, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, plays a crucial role in promoting international trade and opens up international markets for U.S. businesses with direct ties to Commercial Sections within the U.S. Embassies and U.S. Consulates in over 70 countries (100+ offices worldwide).

VetsGoGlobal, is an initiative focused on empowering veteran-owned businesses to enter or expand into global markets, providing SD/VOBs with the tools, resources, and networks necessary to succeed on the international stage.

This strategic collaboration is designed to serve as a catalyst for SD/VOBs, enabling them to leverage their unique strengths and the support of NVBDC's certification in accessing global markets.



**Here are some of the benefits of the partnership:**

- Enhanced Global Visibility - SD/VOBs will gain increased visibility in international markets.
- Access to New Markets - The partnership aims to facilitate easier entry into new markets for veteran-owned businesses.
- Education and Training - A key component of this initiative is the provision of education and training for veterans on navigating the complexities of international trade.
- Networking Opportunities - The collaboration will open up significant networking opportunities with both domestic and international stakeholders.

As NVBDC and ITA's VetsGoGlobal work together to implement this ambitious initiative, the future looks promising for veteran entrepreneurs aiming to make their mark on the global stage. This partnership not only acknowledges the contributions of veterans to the economy but also ensures they have the support and resources to expand their businesses internationally.

The global expansion of veteran business certification is a significant step towards recognizing the value and potential of service-disabled and veteran-owned businesses in the international arena. It underscores the importance of inclusivity and diversity in global trade, paving the way for a more interconnected and prosperous world economy.





**Julia Taylor  
GeekPack CEO**

A Certified Military Spouse Owned Business and a WBENC-Certified Women's Business Enterprise.



In the rural mountains of Hesperus, Colorado, a revolution brews in the e-learning industry. This revolution has a name: GeekPack®, an innovative hub transforming lives under the leadership of Julia Taylor, its CEO and Founder. A military spouse and a former Intelligence Officer for the US Defense Intelligence Agency, Julia Taylor's journey is as inspiring as the community she serves.

Taylor's experiences as a military spouse, with frequent relocations and struggles to find consistent employment, led her to a path of entrepreneurship. Her desire to create location-independent opportunities propelled her into the tech world, where she honed her skills as a WordPress developer. However, her journey wasn't without challenges. As a woman in tech without a traditional IT degree, she often found herself an outsider. Determined, Taylor turned her obstacles into opportunities, eventually establishing her own thriving business. Fueled by these experiences, Taylor founded GeekPack with a clear mission: to offer pathways to meaningful and secure work through tech skills, especially for those who feel like they don't belong.

GeekPack goes beyond traditional learning, offering a unique blend of virtual education and community support that has helped over 8,500 diverse adult learners gain valuable digital skills.

GeekPack's goals are ambitious but grounded in compassion and inclusion. By 2030, Julia aims to introduce one million new voices into the tech conversation, ensuring no one feels left out due to their background or circumstances.

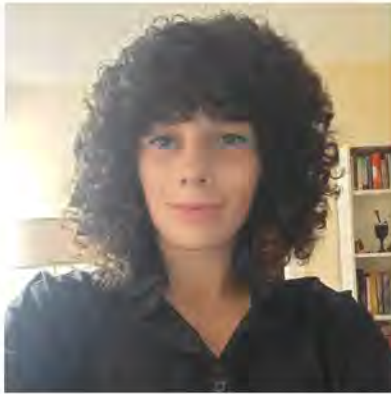
What truly sets GeekPack apart is its commitment to community. The organization reaches far beyond its geographical confines, impacting lives globally.

From coding to digital marketing, the team's varied expertise reflects the inclusive nature of the community they build. Looking ahead, GeekPack is not slowing down. The expansion of the GeekPack Partners Program in 2024 aims to amplify impact by collaborating with like-minded organizations. This move will enhance the ability to reach more people, stabilize communities, and ultimately change the face of tech.

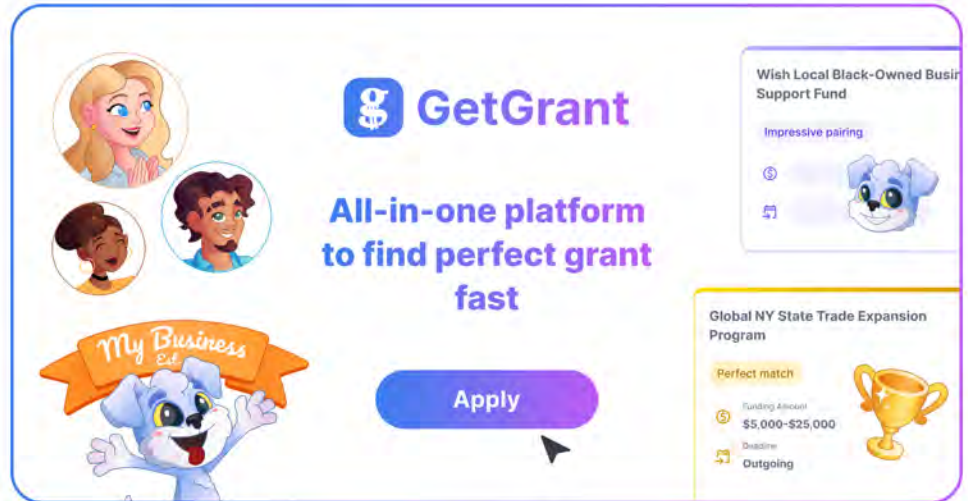
At the core of GeekPack's philosophy is a deep-seated belief in the power of community. Taylor's favorite quote from Simon Sinek, "A small team, committed to a cause bigger than themselves, can achieve absolutely anything," perfectly encapsulates the spirit of her team. Every team member was a student first, highlighting GeekPack's investment in nurturing and empowering its community. The heart of GeekPack's mission is building an inclusive community. Initiatives like GeekForGeek demonstrate this, offering opportunities to those in need. With 20% of its students from rural communities, GeekPack ensures that distance and location are not barriers to learning and growth.



A movement that stands for inclusion, empowerment, and the breaking down of barriers in the tech world, GeekPack is a testament to the idea that with the right guidance, support, and community, anyone can thrive in the evolving world of technology.



**GetGrant CEO  
Yaryna Hotlib**



GetGrant is a straightforward platform that helps small business owners get the funding they need without the usual hassle. Led by CEO Yaryna Hotlib, GetGrant is all about making things clear and simple for its users.

There's a special deal for veterans whose business is certified by the NVBDC that enables them to access the platform for a \$100 yearly subscription, saving over \$400 annually.

The platform stands out because it helps business owners cut through red tape and avoid middlemen, giving them the control to find funding. Its special algorithm matches businesses with grants that fit their specific needs, which helps whether they're looking to grow, innovate, or support their community.



So, what's next? GetGrant's engineers are working on new features like an enhanced auto-apply function, which will make it even easier for businesses to apply for multiple funding opportunities directly through the app.

The user interface is easy to use, so even those new to applying for grants can find their way around quickly. This makes the whole process of getting grants much less intimidating.



This means less time spent on applications and more time growing your business.

As the economy throws challenges at small businesses, GetGrant is there to help. It offers a basic yearly subscription for \$500, which includes access to a list of tailored grants, smart tagging for better matches, and unlimited grant access, as well as regular performance updates and notifications about new available grants.

GetGrant isn't just a tool; it's a partner for small businesses aiming to succeed and expand. With GetGrant—small business owners have everything they need to chase their dreams and make them a reality.

Please feel free to check GetGrant [here](#).



**Robyn Grable**  
Founder and CEO of  
Talents ASCEND



Robyn Grable, Founder and CEO of Talents ASCEND, is passionately dedicated to transforming the employment landscape for veterans and military spouses. As a Navy veteran and former military spouse herself, Grable's personal experiences have significantly shaped the ethos and objectives of Talents ASCEND.

Grable explains that Talents ASCEND serves all branches and eras of the veteran and military community, including their spouses. This comprehensive approach stems from an understanding of the unique challenges faced by these individuals. "Employers often struggle to comprehend and value the diverse skills that veterans bring to the table," Grable says. This misunderstanding leads to veterans being disproportionately filtered out of the hiring process, culminating in issues like underemployment, which is 16% higher among veterans compared to their civilian counterparts.

The inception of Talents ASCEND was motivated by the need to address these gaps. Grable's own post-military career journey, marked by frequent changes and a quest to find a purposeful role, echoes the experiences of many in the military community. She emphasizes, "Our goal is to break down barriers that our military community faces in reaching the interview stage, ensuring their skills and talents are adequately recognized."

Talents ASCEND operates on the fundamental belief that everyone deserves employment that values their individuality and skills, offering them a pathway to success. Grable articulates this vision, highlighting the organization's commitment to eliminating biases and misconceptions about the military community, and promoting their integration and success in the civilian workforce. The organization's core values - including building lasting relationships, integrity, service orientation, mission-driven approach, inclusion, thinking big, and leading with purpose - reflect its dedication to both the communities it serves and the broader goal of

changing the narrative towards a skills-based hiring model. "Our mission," Grable states, "is to change how small businesses connect with underserved talent so our communities can thrive."

Talents ASCEND's vision for 2024 includes an array of initiatives like weekly webinars on skills-based hiring, networking events for candidates and employers, and a shared model for franchise owners. These endeavors aim to provide small businesses with efficient and effective ways to identify the right talent based on skills, not just qualifications on paper.

Grable extends an invitation to other organizations to collaborate and share resources, emphasizing Talents ASCEND's role not just in employment but also in providing various resources for small businesses and candidates. The organization's ethos resonates with the powerful words of Malala Yousafzai, "I raise up my voice—not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard... We cannot succeed when half of us are held back," and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

In conclusion, Grable reiterates Talents ASCEND's identity as a small business committed to helping other small businesses and underserved talents succeed. This symbiotic relationship is at the heart of their mission, fostering a community where everyone's potential is recognized and harnessed for collective growth and success.

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**Meta J. Mereday**  
**VEDI, INC CEO**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing":  
"God of our weary years, God of  
our silent tears, thou who has  
brought us thus far on our  
way."

**James Weldon Johnson's**  
**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"**



At the heart of Veterans Entrepreneurial Development Initiatives, Inc. (VEDI), stands its founder, Meta J. Mereday, a civilian from a military family with a passion for veterans. Under Mereday's leadership and the work of her exceptional team, VEDI is more than an organization; it's a catalyst for change, empowerment, and growth for veteran entrepreneurs and homeowners.

Mereday's journey with VEDI began as a response to the tragedies and resilience witnessed during 9/11. As a 9/11 civilian first responder, she observed firsthand the dire need for the inclusion of veteran businesses in rebuild projects in lower Manhattan. Leveraging her expertise in supplier diversity and advocacy for minorities and women's inclusion in business, Mereday recognized a glaring oversight: the absence of veteran businesses in crucial discussions and projects. This realization sparked the birth of VEDI.

The essence of VEDI's mission lies in serving primarily veteran business owners, and homeowners collaborating with other veteran support organizations. The focus is on this demographic because a staggering 80% of veteran businesses are small-scale. By providing them with the right resources, these businesses could evolve into significant employers for other veterans, creating a community of mutual support and growth. Additionally, addressing the needs of veteran homeowners and supporting multifaceted veteran needs through collaborations underscores VEDI's comprehensive approach to empowerment.

VEDI stands as a beacon of hope and practical support for veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. The organization's mission includes advocating for favorable legislation, veteran job creation, and collaborative support to smooth transitional hurdles for veterans. VEDI's scope encompasses a range of services from housing and healthcare to gender issues, all aimed at addressing the diverse needs of veterans and their families.

With a track record of influencing policy at various government levels, VEDI aims to drive real change in veteran business development, homeownership, and family stability. The alarming rates of veteran debt and suicide underscore the urgency of VEDI's mission: to create a reality where veteran entrepreneurs thrive, hire fellow veterans, and build stable, supportive communities.

The mission of VEDI is concise yet profound: to facilitate entrepreneurial expansion and community empowerment through collaborative support. It aims to secure a stable and prosperous future for veteran businesses from a grassroots perspective.

VEDI focuses on real-time advocacy, challenging unfavorable legislation, and forging meaningful partnerships. The year 2024 and beyond offer exciting prospects for broadening opportunities, especially in veteran journalism, to enhance the portrayal of genuine veteran stories. Additionally, there's a focus on improving access to veteran healthcare and wellness, alongside efforts to decrease both medical and personal debt for veterans.

VEDI's story is one of honor, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the veteran community. It stands as a testament to the power of focused efforts and the potential of every veteran entrepreneur to impact society positively.

As VEDI continues its vital work, it opens its doors to alliances and partners, uniting in a common goal: to uplift and transform the lives of veterans and their communities.

Mereday invites like-minded organizations to partner in initiating laws ensuring that there are resources directed to these initiatives supportive of veteran businesses, ensuring their growth benefits the broader community.

Meta J. Mereday quote from James Weldon Johnson's "Lift Every Voice and Sing": "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who has brought us thus far on our way."



**Jenny Pacanowski**  
**Founder and Director**  
 Women Veterans  
 Empowered & Thriving



In a world where veterans often find themselves battling challenges such as addiction, homelessness, and isolation, Jenny Pacanowski, the founder and director of Women Veterans Empowered & Thriving (WVET), stands as a beacon of hope.

Pacanowski, a woman veteran herself, understands the unique struggles faced by her fellow servicemen and women, especially those who go unrecognized and unsupported.

WVET originally focused on women veterans, who are often overlooked in their specific needs. Pacanowski's personal experiences fueled her desire to create a program that not only values their time but also equips them with practical skills for daily life.

The essence of WVET's empowerment model lies in encouraging internal self-validation, rather than seeking external approval. This model proved so successful that WVET expanded its reach to include all veterans and even civilian support members.



Pacanowski's motivation to start WVET stemmed from a deep-seated desire to prevent her peers from suffering in silence. By providing them with tools, practices, and a platform to voice their stories, she aims to facilitate a comprehensive homecoming for the mind, body, and soul.

WVET's mission statement beautifully encapsulates this ethos: "a reintegration program for veterans that utilizes writing and performance to empower them to thrive in their daily life. We guide Veterans to reconnect with their mind, body, soul, and passion for life. Through creativity, compassion, and camaraderie in a nonjudgmental space, we empower each other to ascend to the best version of ourselves."

Looking ahead to 2024, Pacanowski hopes to collaborate with the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Veterans Administration (VA) to introduce WVET's empowerment model and ritual storytelling to all military members transitioning back to civilian life. The goal is to extend these services to the National Guard and reserves as well.

WVET, run by disabled veterans and their family members, noticed a gap in reintegration services and sought to fill it with its unique approach. Their calendar for 2024 is packed with seven monthly empowerment workshops, continued programs at Muncy Prison for incarcerated women veterans, panel discussions, public speaking events, and ritual storytelling sessions. These activities are designed not just for healing but for advocacy, allowing veterans to share their experiences through the powerful medium of spoken word. In a departure from traditional peer support groups or writing workshops, WVET's model focuses on retraining the brain, shifting from a military mindset to one of thriving as a veteran. It's an environment where skills and free writing combine to foster a community of authentic support.

As Zina Bethea Dawson's quote, shared by Pacanowski, says, "You cannot feel what you don't reveal." WVET embodies this philosophy, creating a space where veterans can unveil their experiences and emotions, paving the way for healing and empowerment. This is the essence of WVET, a place where veterans are not just surviving but thriving.

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MAY 1	BANGLADESH HEALTHCARE MARKET UPDATE HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	EXPORTING MICHIGAN MADE: DESIGNED, ENGINEERED, & GROWN HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 1-2	MIDDLE EASTERN TECH MARKET PROSPECTS IN THE AGE OF A.I. HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	CONSTRUCTION COMBINE HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MAY 5	CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES HOST: PATRIOT HILLS OF NY	VETERANS, GUNS & CIGARS- TAMPA FL HOST: MERITORIOUS
MAY 6	EXPORT DOCUMENTATION AWARENESS TRAINING HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	EXPORT BUSINESS PLANNING & INT'L MARKET IDENTIFICATION HOST: VETBIZ CENTRAL
MAY 6 - 9	WASTEEXPO HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 6 - 10	"MAKING GLOBAL MARKETS ACCESSIBLE" VIRTUAL EVENT HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	GLOBAL CYBER WEEK HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 7	LOGISTICS KNOWLEDGE SESSION RELATED TO SALES & MARKETING HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	GRANT FUNDING FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 7	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT & TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION: NEW STRATEGIES, SUCCESS STORIES, AND CHALLENGES HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 7	BRAZIL HEALTHCARE MARKET UPDATE HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	VETERAN BUSINESS INFO SESSION HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 7	MILITARY SPOUSE VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT HOST: RECRUITMILITARY	
MAY 8	HOW VAT CAN AFFECT YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	DOING BUSINESS WITH THE ASEAN CONFERENCE HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 8	WHAT SMALL BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING PAID AND MITIGATING FOREIGN BUYER REPAYMENT RISK HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 9	INCOTERMS FOR U.S. EXPORTERS HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	MONTHLY JOB CLUB FOR VETERANS HOST: INVESTVETS
MAY 9	WORLD TRADE WEEK NYC 2024 HOST: NEW YORK DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL	

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MAY 13	ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024 HOST: NC VETERAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	
MAY 14	BUY AMERICA: DEMYSTIFYING THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE BUY AMERICAN, MADE IN USA AND BUILD BACK BETTER LEGISLATION HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 14	MASTERING THE MARKET: INDIA HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL SECTOR FRANCHISING ACROSS AFRICA HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 15	FTA'S QUALIFYING YOUR PRODUCT AND DOCUMENTING ORIGIN HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP HOST: WOMEN VETERANS EMPOWERED & THRIVING
MAY 16	WHAT SMB'S NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRADE FINANCING AND HOW IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL GROWTH HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 16	DoD SKILLBRIDGE FOR EMPLOYERS HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	VETERAN EXPO & SMALL BUSINESS POP-UP HOST: VETBIZ CENTRAL
MAY 17	1ST ANNUAL L2F HERD OPEN HOST: LINKS TO FREEDOM FOUNDATION	
MAY 18	PUTTS FOR PATRIOTS HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	17TH ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE RUN FOR THE WARRIORS HOST: HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS
MAY 18	2024 VETERANS EMPOWERMENT FAIR HOST: MICHIGAN WOMEN VETERANS EMPOWERMENT	
MAY 20	MMAA STRONG COMMUNITIES HOST: MODERN MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	
MAY 21	CANADA DOCUMENTATION AND LOGISTICS OVERVIEW HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 22	PRODUCT VALUATION CONSIDERATIONS HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	
MAY 23	MEXICO DOCUMENTATION AND LOGISTICS OVERVIEW HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	GROW YOUR SALES FOR CLEAN TECH COMPANIES HOST: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 24	1ST ANNUAL ROCKIN' WITH WARRIORS HOST: LINKS TO FREEDOM FOUNDATION	

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MAY 30	MILITARY THRIVING WEBINAR HOST: ZERO MILS	
JUNE 1	WOMEN VETERANS MAGAZINE PENNSYLVANIA LAUNCHING JUNE 2024 HOST: WOMEN VETERANS ALLIANCE	MMAA NATIONAL GALA HOST: MODERN MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
JUNE 4	NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR FOR VETERANS HOST: RECRUITMILITARY	
JUNE 8	IDAHO WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	LEIGH VALLEY WOMEN VETERANS DAY 2024 HOST: WOMEN VETERANS EMPOWERED & THRIVING
JUNE 13	MONTHLY JOB CLUB FOR VETERANS HOST: INVESTVETS	
JUNE 17	MMAA STRONG COMMUNITIES HOST: MODERN MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	
JUNE 18	EASTERN REGION VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR FOR VETERANS HOST: RECRUITMILITARY	
JUNE 19	EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP @BATTLEBORNE FOR ALL VETS (HYBRID) HOST: WOMEN VETERANS EMPOWERED & THRIVING	
JUNE 20	DOD SKILLBRIDGE FOR EMPLOYERS HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	
JUNE 23	ANNUAL HERITAGE MILITARY BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY HOST: THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES OF AMERICA	
JULY 8	4TH ANNUAL VETERAN GOLF SALUTE HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	
JULY 10	VEA SUMMER COHORT: SCALING YOUR BUSINESS (RUN THROUGH 14AUG24) HOST: VETERAN ENTREPRENEUR ALLIANCE	
JULY 11	MONTHLY JOB CLUB FOR VETERANS HOST: INVESTVETS	
JULY 18	DOD SKILLBRIDGE FOR EMPLOYERS HOST: ID VETERAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	

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