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Welcome to the MVO Task Force Connect!

Enter the month of October. At this time of year, we witness the evanescence of those long, hot summer days and usher in the cooler days of fall. The season comes alive with the fall harvest and vibrant reds, yellows, and oranges of autumn covering the landscape. Fall brings with it a sense of change, marking a time of transformation in transition and direction.

The changing of the season also affords so many opportunities for our veteran business owners. The National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) offers one such opportunity as it hosts its premier **National Conference** later this month. This event is a “must-attend” for any veteran business owner searching for ways of transforming the direction of their business and investigating the “how-to’s” of entering into business with corporate America.

In this edition, learn about the newly created **Mastering Resources** webinar series hosted by NVBDC’s Services Committee. This quarterly event spotlights various MVO Task Force members and showcases their services.

Throughout the following several pages, we will also highlight four of our Task Force members. **Help Our Heroes** is an organization dedicated to raising awareness for and addressing the challenges facing our heroes, from forging strategic partnerships and facilitating collaboration with legislators, community leaders, and advocacy groups to providing direct support to our nation’s heroes. Meet **Veterans Produce**, a Task Force member addressing food insecurity among homeless veterans by empowering them through skills-based training in aquaponics and hydroponics. Are you actively looking for your next career opportunity? Then, turn the page and get introduced to **RecruitMilitary**. The team at RecruitMilitary is passionate about empowering veterans, transitioning military, and military spouses to connect with America’s top employers. And meet **Vets Returning Home**, where the goal is straightforward: ending chronic homelessness among veterans in our communities.

Check out and share all the exciting upcoming events hosted by our Task Force partners. Mark your calendars, and don’t hesitate to register for these events today!

Together, we can achieve more for America’s Heroes.

Kathryn M. Poynton, LTC (Ret.)
Director, Military & Veteran Organization Task Force
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GET READY FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL VETERAN BUSINESS MATCHMAKING CONFERENCE IN DETROIT OCTOBER 29TH AND 30TH, 2024



Detroit is gearing up to host one of the most anticipated events for veteran-owned businesses across the nation—the **National Veteran Business Matchmaking Conference**. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, featuring an exciting new addition and the return of some legendary favorites.

sessions will cover a wide range of topics, including business development, securing government contracts, funding opportunities, and scaling your business domestically and internationally. We are excited to host the ITA, who will hold several key events, including a special breakout room dedicated to recognizing and supporting NVBDC Certified Service- Disabled and Veteran-Owned Businesses (SD/VOBs) engaged in exporting activities.

One of the most exciting features of this year's conference is the launch of the **Veteran Marketplace**. This new initiative is designed to showcase the products and services offered by veteran-owned businesses. It's a unique opportunity for vendors to connect with potential buyers, partners, and clients on a national scale. Whether you're looking to network, form strategic partnerships, or discover new products and services, the Veteran Marketplace is where you need to be.

Networking is a critical part of any business event, and this conference offers plenty of it. Throughout the two days, there will be multiple opportunities to connect with fellow veteran business owners, industry leaders, and potential clients. These connections could be the key to opening doors for your business.



At the heart of the conference are the matchmaking sessions. These sessions are designed to connect veteran business owners with key decision-makers from the federal government, private industry, and large prime contractors. If you're a veteran business owner, this is your chance to make the connections that could take your business to the next level. Come prepared with your capabilities statement and get ready to meet 1:1 with **ALLY CONSTRUCTION, AMERICAN FAMILY, BURNS & MCDONNELL, CATERPILLAR, CHEP, CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, ELI LILLY, ENTERPRISE MOBILITY, EVERGY, EY, PUROCLEAN, FLAGSTAR BANK, FLIGHTLINE, GOOGLE, KOHLER, NATIONWIDE, ROBERT HALF, QUANTA SERVICES, TARGET, TENNECO, TRUIST, UNITED AIRLINES, US CELLULAR, WALMART, YANFENG, SONOCO, CVS, VERIZON, AMAZON, COCA COLA, RTX (RAYTHEON), ABBOTT, IPS PACKAGING, BOSTON SCIENTIFIC, STELLANTIS and many more!**

Of course, no National Veteran Business Development Matchmaking Conference would be complete without the legendary **Vets Night Out** event. Set against the backdrop of Detroit's vibrant nightlife, Vets Night Out is your chance to relax, unwind, and build lasting connections in a more informal setting. With great food, drinks, and entertainment.

If you're a veteran business owner, this conference is an unparalleled opportunity to grow your business, learn from the best, and connect with others who share your experience and drive. The addition of the Veteran Marketplace only adds to the value, providing a new platform to showcase your offerings and make critical connections. Whether you're looking to expand your network, secure contracts, or simply gain new insights, the National Veteran Business Development Matchmaking Conference is the place to be.



Registration is now open, and spaces are filling up fast. Visit NVBDC.ORG/EVENTS to secure your spot and learn more about the agenda, speakers, and exhibitors. Don't wait—this is the event that could change the trajectory of your business. The Conference will take place at: **400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243**

The conference will also feature a series of workshops and panels led by industry experts, successful veteran entrepreneurs, and representatives from the government agencies and other significant institutions. These

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION AND U.S. COMMERCIAL SERVICE SET TO PLAY PIVOTAL ROLES AT UPCOMING NVBDC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The International Trade Administration (ITA) will host several key events at this year's NVBDC National Conference, including a special breakout room dedicated to recognizing and supporting NVBDC Certified Service-Disabled and Veteran-Owned Businesses (SD/VOBs) engaged in export activities.

Kendee Yamaguchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Field, Global Markets, ITA, will deliver the general keynote address. With her extensive experience in international trade, Yamaguchi will provide critical insights into the global marketplace and highlight the significant contributions of veteran-owned businesses to U.S. trade relations.

In addition, following the keynote address, NVBDC and the ITA will hold an official document signing ceremony, marking a pivotal collaboration aimed at expanding global opportunities and resources for veteran-owned businesses.

A special veteran-only breakout room panel will feature **experts in international trade**. The panel will provide in-depth discussions on strategies for veteran-owned businesses to navigate foreign markets, secure government resources, and achieve export success.

Moderated by USMC-certified veteran **Warren Anderson**, Senior International Trade Specialist at the U.S. Commercial Service – St. Louis and VetsGoGlobal Team Member, this panel will also include:

- **Matthew Quigley**, Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service – Detroit
- **Jonathan Brady**, Business Development Officer, Export-Import Bank of the U.S. (EXIM) – Office of Small Business
- **Romy Ancog**, Lead Export Finance Manager, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – Office of International Trade
- **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)**

The breakout room will be a hub of valuable information and resources for veteran business owners interested in exporting their products or services. Representatives from the U.S. Commercial Service will also offer guidance on market research, regulatory compliance, and access to trade finance, helping veteran-owned businesses tap into new opportunities abroad.

The ITA and U.S. Commercial Service's participation at the NVBDC National Conference underscores the importance of supporting veteran-owned businesses in their export endeavors. By providing recognition, resources, and expert guidance, the ITA is helping veteran entrepreneurs thrive in the global economy.

This partnership between the ITA and NVBDC is a testament to their shared commitment to empowering veteran business owners and enhancing their global competitiveness. Together, they are driving remarkable growth in global opportunities for veteran-owned businesses abroad.



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NVBDC BOARD MEMBER ANNETTE STEVENSON HONORED

Annette Stevenson, an esteemed NVBDC Board Member, was recently celebrated for her career achievements in *Cary Magazine's "Women of Western Wake"* feature in the September 2024 edition. Stevenson has long championed the importance of diversity, especially with veterans. This deep-rooted belief serves as the foundation for her efforts to promote inclusion, ensuring that veterans — who bring invaluable skills and perspectives — are not overlooked.

Stevenson's extensive career, both in the military and as a civilian leader, has been focused on advancing opportunities for veterans and diverse business owners. Her time in the Army and her roles at companies like SAS, where she helped launch their supplier diversity program, laid the foundation for her continued advocacy for veterans. As a board member of NVBDC, Stevenson works tirelessly to ensure that veterans, particularly those from underserved communities, have

access to the resources and support they need to thrive in business.

Stevenson has first-hand experience with the challenges veterans face when transitioning to civilian life. She believes that entrepreneurship offers a path to success for many. Through her work, Stevenson emphasizes the importance of offering veterans real opportunities, resources, and support to build successful businesses. As a key figure within NVBDC, she remains committed to ensuring that the veteran community, which represents diverse backgrounds and experiences, continues to receive the recognition and opportunities they deserve.

According to Stevenson, "We lose valuable skill sets if we're not intentional about supporting veterans." This insight drives her efforts within NVBDC to advocate for greater diversity and inclusion in business, helping to foster an environment where veterans and small, diverse businesses can succeed.

POST-WEBINAR RECAP: NVBDC'S "MASTERING RESOURCES – UNLOCKING THE KEYS TO SUCCESS"

NVBDC's recent webinar, "Mastering Resources – Unlocking the Keys to Success," featured expert presentations from members of the MVO Task Force who offered valuable tools and insights for veteran business owners. Attendees learned practical strategies to help grow and sustain their businesses during expert-led sessions on contracting, funding, and workforce development.

The webinar included presentations from several NVBDC members. Paul F. Mara and Mark Hollingshead from **Diverse Supplier Development Corporation** (DSDC) provided an actionable guide for preparing businesses to navigate corporate contracting opportunities, demonstrating how veteran-owned businesses can succeed in the private sector by being contract-ready. Yaryna

Hotlib from the NANA Fund focused on funding opportunities tailored to veteran-owned businesses and how to identify and secure the right grants, loans, and support programs. **Talents ASCEND's** Robyn Grable presented information on how companies can use skills-based hiring to build sustainable, high-performing teams, an approach that ensures businesses find the right talent to support long-term growth.

If you missed the webinar, don't worry! You can access August's presentation using the link [here](#). Our Mastering Resources webinars are free for NVBDC-certified veteran-owned businesses and MVO Task Force members.

Stay tuned and continue to leverage NVBDC's valuable tools to grow your business!



We are currently looking for volunteers for NVBDC's next resource webinar! **If you are interested in presenting to our Veteran-owned businesses**, please get in touch with **Kathy Poynton at kpoynton@nvbdc.org**.

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**BLAKE RICHARDSON,
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**



VFW Veteran Mental Health Fair



HBOT Chamber at the Hyperbaric Healing Institute in Missouri

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HEALING AND ADVOCACY: HOW HELP OUR HEROES EMPOWERS VETERANS

Blake Richardson, founder of Help Our Heroes and a Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq and Djibouti, has a vision for the organization that is deeply personal—driven by a desire to help others avoid the struggles he endured, Richardson aims to provide a support system for veterans and first responders facing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI), and other conditions that lead to isolation, depression, and even suicidal ideation.

Determined to find relief from these conditions himself, Richardson sought alternative therapies like hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), which significantly improved his symptoms. Inspired by the success of these treatments, he established Help Our Heroes to ensure that veterans, military service members, and first responders have access to evidence-based therapies that offer hope for healing.

Help Our Heroes stands out from other organizations by focusing on practical, results-driven solutions. **Its work centers on three main areas: expanding access to proven therapies, advocating for legislative change, and building community support networks.** Through these initiatives, Help Our Heroes is dedicated to making a tangible impact on the lives of the people it serves.

One of the key therapies championed by the organization is hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which has shown promising results in treating conditions like PTSD and TBI. Help Our Heroes works to expand access to this life-changing therapy through partnerships and advocacy efforts. By collaborating with lawmakers and policymakers, the organization also seeks to influence legislation that secures funding and broadens access to critical resources for veterans and first responders.

In addition to its focus on therapies and legislative advocacy, Help Our Heroes places a strong emphasis on building community and support networks for veterans, service members, first responders, and their families. Many



Care Package Event for Local Military and Veteran Families

veterans experience feelings of isolation and disconnection after leaving the military, and Help Our Heroes aims to address these issues by creating opportunities for veterans to connect with peers who understand their struggles. Through outreach initiatives to connect veterans with local resources, services, and education; partnerships with local organizations that serve veterans, service members, and first responders; and online peer support networks through social media, the organization helps veterans navigate the challenges of civilian life with the backing of a strong community.

Looking ahead, Help Our Heroes continues to expand its outreach and advocacy efforts. From providing educational resources that help veterans navigate available support services to fostering direct engagement between veterans and lawmakers, the organization is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the veteran and first responder community.

For those interested in supporting Help Our Heroes, donations and additional information can be found at helpourheroes.org.



VETERANS PRODUCE



**T.C. BECKETT,
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**



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VETERANS PRODUCE: BRINGING FOOD SECURITY AND HOPE TO HOMELESS VETERANS

Veterans Produce is a veteran-owned nonprofit dedicated to addressing the critical issue of food insecurity among homeless veterans. Founded by retired United States Navy Chief Petty Officer T.C. Beckett in 2018, the organization's mission is to break the cycle of hunger by empowering veterans to provide for themselves through sustainable food production.

The inspiration for Veterans Produce stemmed from Beckett's personal connection with a homeless Vietnam Army veteran named Tony. This friendship, combined with Beckett's childhood spent in a food-insecure environment, drove him to take action. With a deep compassion for his fellow veterans, he knew he could do more to make a lasting impact. Veterans Produce was born out of this vision and has since become a lifeline for veterans in need.



Veterans Produce's greenhouse systems are designed to be adaptable, providing solutions to feed homeless veterans in various communities nationwide. Whether the need is large or small, these systems offer a scalable approach to food security. The organization is built by veterans, run by volunteers, and focused on making a tangible difference in the lives of veterans struggling with hunger and homelessness.

The organization's approach is both innovative and community-driven. **While Veterans Produce creates organic greenhouse gardens that provide year-round access to healthy food, it also teaches veterans how to grow food using aquaponic and hydroponic systems.** This addresses the immediate need for sustenance and empowers veterans with the skills to sustain themselves long-term.



In turn, a ripple effect is created: veterans trained to operate these systems help build additional community gardens, extending the reach of the organization's mission. The hands-on training provided by Veterans Produce gives veterans a renewed sense of purpose and the tools needed to contribute to their local communities. As each garden is built, more veterans gain access to fresh, nutritious food while also being empowered to take control of their own well-being.

Though Veterans Produce has made significant strides, the increasing number of homeless veterans highlights the ongoing need for more community gardens and greenhouse projects. With additional funding, the organization can continue expanding its reach, bringing food security, safety, and sustainability to even more veterans throughout the U.S.

Those who wish to support Veterans Produce's mission can get involved by donating or volunteering through the organization's website, veteransproduce.org. Every contribution helps bring this vital solution to more veterans in need.





**CHRIS NEWSOME,
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS
AT RECRUITMILITARY**



Two Military Community Job Seekers Speak With a FedEx Representative on Open Career Options at the DAV | RecruitMilitary Phoenix Job Fair



A Veteran Job Seeker at the DAV | RecruitMilitary San Antonio Job Fair Speaks With an Attending Company Representative Regarding Open Opportunities

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RECRUITMILITARY: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN VETERANS AND EMPLOYERS

RecruitMilitary, a leading organization connecting employers with the military community, plays a vital role in the professional lives of veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses. By partnering with a wide range of organizations across industries, RecruitMilitary helps companies of all sizes recruit, hire, and retain talented individuals from the military community. The organization focuses on building strong connections that benefit both veterans and employers.

Chris Newsome, Senior Vice President of Department of Defense Programs at RecruitMilitary, embodies the organization's mission to connect the military community with meaningful employment opportunities. As a U.S. Army veteran, Newsome understands the challenges that veterans face when transitioning into civilian life. This organization allows him to continue serving his brothers and sisters in arms by helping them find fulfilling post-military careers.

The organization has partnered with the NVBDC MVO Task Force to expand its support to veterans who are interested in entrepreneurship. With approximately 2.5 million veteran-owned businesses in the U.S., RecruitMilitary recognizes the potential for veterans to become successful business owners and is committed to providing them with the resources to do so.

RecruitMilitary's primary goal is to ensure that every member of the military community has access to meaningful employment opportunities. **To achieve this, the organization offers various services, including professional development programs, resume writing assistance, salary negotiation guidance, and military-focused hiring events.** It also maintains a career portal that houses hundreds of thousands of job listings from companies committed to military hiring.

The organization's hiring events are among its most successful initiatives, with over 100 held each year. These events result in tens of thousands of service members accepting job offers annually, creating life-changing opportunities for veterans and military families.



A Veteran Job Seeker's QR Code Being Scanned by a United States Federal Communications Commission Recruiter at the DAV | RecruitMilitary Job Fair at Fort Myer-Henderson Hall Event After Discussing Job Prospects

In addition to its hiring events, RecruitMilitary has been selected to power the U.S. Army's Tactical Connection Program. This program began in 2020 and is dedicated to helping service members transition smoothly into civilian careers. The commitment to this program runs through at least 2033, ensuring long-term support for transitioning soldiers.

For those in the military community, RecruitMilitary encourages creating a professional profile and posting a resume on their platform. All services are free for veterans, service members, and military spouses, making it easy to connect with potential employers.

Companies interested in hiring from this talented demographic are encouraged to contact RecruitMilitary. The organization's team of specialists is ready to help businesses enhance or establish military hiring initiatives, connecting them with the vast pool of veterans eager to bring their unique skills to the civilian workforce.

No matter a veteran's rank, MOS, or location, RecruitMilitary stands as a resource ready to help them succeed in their post-military careers. Whether pursuing a traditional career path or venturing into entrepreneurship, veterans can rely on RecruitMilitary for support and guidance throughout their professional journey.

Those looking to help support RecruitMilitary or make use of their services can do so by visiting recruitmilitary.com.



SANDY BOWER,
FOUNDER AND VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR



Gathering Dinner With Our Veterans



Car Giveaway to a Veteran Single Father

SUPPORTING VETERANS ON THE PATH TO STABILITY: INSIDE VETS RETURNING HOME'S MISSION

Vets Returning Home provides a haven for veterans experiencing homelessness, offering 43 beds and all necessary amenities to both male and female veterans in need. Since its inception, the organization has housed more than 2,200 veterans and 1,000 families, helping them find stability and preventing them from falling into homelessness.

At its core, Vets Returning Home's mission is to guide veterans to a place of stability. **The organization provides more than just a bed for the night—it offers veterans the support and resources they need to rebuild their lives.** This includes providing a stable living environment, employment readiness training, aid with job placement, and more. Sandra Bower's vision is for every veteran to leave Vets Returning Home from a position of strength, ready to face the future with confidence. "We want to help them reach stability in all aspects of their lives so they can move forward with dignity and purpose," she said.

What sets Vets Returning Home apart is its deliberate choice to operate without government funding. Bower, Founder and Volunteer Director of Vets Returning Home, emphasized that this decision was made by design, allowing the organization to maintain flexibility and avoid the restrictions that often come with government assistance. "We wanted to avoid the bureaucracy and strings attached," she said, which has enabled the organization to stay true to its mission.

Bower has spent the last 11 years dedicating her life to helping veterans in crisis. Her drive to give back is deeply personal, stemming from her own

experience with homelessness as a teenager. "It's something that never leaves you," Bower said, reflecting on her past and how it shaped her compassion for those who need a hand up. Through her Christian faith and the blessings she has received in life, Bower knew it was time to do more. For her, helping veterans is a natural choice: "Veterans are the most deserving of our assistance," she explained.

A crucial part of Vets Returning Home's growth and success can be attributed to its partnership with NVBDC's MVO Task Force. For Bower, this partnership is more than just a collaboration—it's a relationship rooted in trust and mutual support. She fondly remembers the early days when Keith King, Founder and CEO of NVBDC, would not only offer guidance but actively open doors to new opportunities. "Keith's advice and willingness to help made a huge difference," she recalled, crediting him with helping the organization navigate through its early stages and beyond.

One of the more recent challenges Vets Returning Home has faced is the shift in the economy, which has made it harder to raise funds. Recognizing the need to adapt, Bower and her team opened a thrift store. This move was a response to the noticeable shift from monetary donations to in-kind contributions. The store now plays a vital role in supporting the organization's operations, and Bower hopes it will continue to grow.

Sandra Bower's unwavering commitment to veterans and her deeply personal connection to the cause have made Vets Returning Home a lifeline for thousands. Her vision and leadership continue to guide the organization forward, ensuring it remains a beacon of hope for veterans seeking stability and support.

For those looking to support Vets Returning Home, Bower encourages people to follow the organization on social media, make donations, or shop at the thrift store. These actions directly contribute to the organization's continued success and help ensure that veterans in need receive the care and support they deserve.



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Blue Star Families

3rd Annual Idaho Veterans & Spouse Shark Tank

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Job Fair at Fort Moore

RecruitMilitary

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Wright Patterson AFB Area Veteran Job Fair

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Idaho Veterans Annual Chamber Summit

ID Veteran Chamber of Commerce



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Long Island Run for the Warriors

Hope For The Warriors



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