



## VETBIZCENTRAL'S MISSION OF SUPPORT AND SUCCESS EMPOWERS VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS

VetBizCentral, under the leadership of Director Abron Andrews Jr., is dedicated to helping military members and their spouses in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana achieve entrepreneurial success. Driven by a passion for veterans and business, Andrews joined VetBizCentral to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those transitioning from military service to civilian business ownership.

VetBizCentral provides military members with the latest resources and guidance to start, sustain, and grow their businesses. The organization operates as a "One Stop Shop," offering a trusted space for veterans and their families to receive personalized support, whether they are just beginning their entrepreneurial journey or scaling an existing business. "VetBizCentral exists to serve our military members and spouses. We're here not to tell you what you can't do, but to support your entrepreneurial dreams with counseling and resources," says Andrews.

The organization partners with the NVBDC MVO Task Force, hosting events like the Veterans MatchMaking Event and Veterans Meet & Greet. These gatherings connect veteran business owners with procurement specialists from federal agencies and corporate partners, bridging the gap between veteran-owned businesses and the private sector. "When I started at VetBizCentral, we were already collaborating with NVBDC to create events that build these critical connections. Our goal is to open doors for veterans within the corporate world," explains Andrews.

To fulfill its mission, VetBizCentral offers a comprehensive array of programs, including Boots to Business/Reboot, Small Business Start-Up Orientation, and Operation Entrepreneur, a workshop series focused on foundational skills. Through events like the Contracts & Coffee Webinar Series and Empowering Women Veterans and Military Spouses Entrepreneurship Training, VetBizCentral ensures that veterans have access to essential resources for every stage of their business.

This dedication to supporting veterans has not gone unnoticed. VetBizCentral earned the Veteran Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award in 2017 and has proudly nominated several veteran entrepreneurs for the Michigan Celebrates Award. These recognitions underscore the organization's unwavering commitment to excellence and impact.

Looking forward, VetBizCentral remains focused on its mission of providing accessible, expert counseling, and resources to veterans. As Andrews puts it, "When you contact us, someone will answer the call."



Boots to Business Training in Michigan.



2022 Michigan Small Business Administration Award, Abron Andrews Jr., Director of VetBizCentral, honored as District Director of the Year.



Michigan Celebrate Veteran Business Award winner, Brice Wetter.



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