

  
Building partnerships

  
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Jacksonville Equestrian Center  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



**FEATURED MVO TASK FORCE MEMBERS**



**Welcome to the MVO Task Force Connect!**

As we continue down a path of uncertainty in today's business environment, our service-disabled and Veteran-owned businesses (SD/VOBs) are reflecting on the challenges within federal contracting. **The team at the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) remains a constant in which our SD/VOBs can have faith. We are ready to assist with opening the doors to corporate contracting and providing resources to increase international opportunities.** In other words, NVBDC continues to be the leading force in the world of supplier procurement.

Turn the page and meet three of our newest Task Force members. **The Northeast Florida Equestrian Society H.O.R.S.E. Therapies, Inc.** leads the way in building a partnership between horses and humans to heal the mind, body, and soul. Learn about their therapeutic riding program, where clients of all ages with a range of physical, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive disabilities experience freedoms they have never felt before.

In Toledo, Ohio, **Remember Veteran Grave Markers Inc.** aims to raise public awareness of the poor condition of government-furnished grave markers and headstones in our municipal and private cemeteries and teach people how to *Preserve, Honor, and Remember* these Veterans through the cleaning of their headstones and grave markers.

The **Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)**, a program of AHP, Inc., advocates for human potential to transform behavioral health and human service systems so organizations and individuals can reach their full potential.

Also in this month's edition, check out a few calls to action. Learn how you can support **Veterans to Farmers**, an organization training Veterans in agricultural systems, technologies, and business operations. **It's A Military Life** is hosting a fundraiser to support their Veteran Pen Pal Project. And if you are a Native-owned business, check out how you can certify your business with the **National Native American Supplier Council**.

For all our MVO Task Force partners, if you have something big on the horizon that you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to forward it for inclusion in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

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

Kathryn M. Poynton, LTC (ret)  
Director, Military & Veteran Organization (MVO) Task Force  
NVBDC Board of Directors



**Veteran-owned businesses should not be categorized as a DEI supplier group because the value they bring extends beyond representation—it is about capability, dependability, and impact. NVBDC-certified businesses provide:**

- **Operational Excellence**

Veterans are trained to operate under pressure, execute with precision, and adapt to challenges—making their businesses dependable and innovative suppliers.

- **Industry Expertise**

Many Veteran-owned businesses operate in industries where their military experience provides a direct competitive advantage, such as logistics, security, technology, and manufacturing.

- **Leadership and Integrity**

Military service instills leadership, teamwork, and ethical responsibility—qualities that create strong business leaders who drive results and accountability.

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## THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE: SEPARATING DEI FROM SUPPLIER PROCUREMENT AND NVBDC'S LEADERSHIP IN VETERAN BUSINESS INCLUSION

The corporate landscape is shifting. As discussions around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) evolve, **there is a growing recognition that supplier diversity, particularly the inclusion of Veteran-owned businesses (VOBs), must be viewed beyond the DEI lens.** At the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC), we have always positioned Veteran business inclusion as a strategic procurement decision, not just a diversity initiative.



For years, corporate supplier diversity programs have included Veteran-owned businesses. However, there is an undeniable truth: **hiring a Veteran-owned business is not about meeting a diversity goal—it is about making a smart business decision.** NVBDC has led the charge in ensuring that VOBs remain at the forefront of corporate supply chains, demonstrating that working with Veteran entrepreneurs is not just the right thing to do, but a competitive advantage.

Corporations seek suppliers that deliver quality, efficiency, and reliability—all qualities ingrained in Veterans through their military service. Veterans excel in leadership, problem-solving, adaptability, and perseverance, bringing a unique set of skills that make their businesses strong, resilient, and results-driven. NVBDC certification provides corporations with a trusted, third-party verified source of Veteran-owned businesses, ensuring that **when companies engage VOBs, they are working with a business that is vetted, capable, and ready to perform.**

DEI initiatives focus on social and workforce equity, ensuring organizations reflect a diverse and inclusive culture. While vital, supplier procurement operates on a different metric—**business performance.** Many corporations are beginning to separate DEI from supplier diversity efforts, recognizing that procurement decisions must align with operational and financial objectives.

By shifting the conversation, NVBDC has positioned VOBs as indispensable assets to corporate supply chains—**not because of diversity quotas, but because of proven business performance.**

As the gold standard in Veteran business certification, NVBDC ensures that corporations can confidently source genuine, high-quality Veteran-owned suppliers. Our certification process is rigorous, transparent, and widely recognized by major corporations, government agencies, and industry leaders.

NVBDC continues to work with top corporations to integrate VOBs into procurement strategies that are focused on performance and value. **We provide networking opportunities, matchmaking events, and direct access to procurement teams, ensuring our certified VOBs have a competitive edge.**

As companies refine their supplier diversity strategies, it is essential to recognize that working with Veteran-owned businesses is not about compliance—it is about competitiveness. NVBDC remains at the forefront of this movement, ensuring that Veteran-owned businesses are recognized and valued not because they check a box, but because they deliver results.

For companies seeking trusted, high-performing suppliers, **NVBDC-certified Veteran-owned businesses are the answer.** It's not DEI. It's smart business.

**To learn more about how NVBDC can help your company connect with top Veteran-owned businesses, visit [nvbdc.org](https://nvbdc.org).**



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**ASHTON KRONER, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, NFES H.O.R.S.E. THERAPIES, INC.**



*Wounded Warrior Project Veteran gets acquainted with Marley, with guidance and support from instructor Susan.*



*Sam (left) leads a driving lesson while riding Sandy, helping one of H.O.R.S.E. Therapies' clients build confidence and skill.*

**HEALING THROUGH HORSES:  
NFES/H.O.R.S.E. THERAPIES SUPPORTS VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY**

**The Northeast Florida Equestrian Society (NFES) and its H.O.R.S.E. Therapies program are making a profound impact on the Jacksonville community by harnessing the healing power of horses.** Through equine-assisted services, H.O.R.S.E. Therapies provides vital support for Veterans, first responders, and individuals with disabilities, helping them find a place to grow, heal, and feel supported.

Ashton Kroner, director of development and strategic partnerships, brings her lifelong love of horses and commitment to service to H.O.R.S.E. Therapies. "Horses don't see rank, status, or scars—they see the soul. Through them, we find healing, strength, and connection," said Kroner. Her passion for horses and helping others drives the organization's mission to create an inclusive space for healing and growth.

Managing the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, **NFES hosts over 45 events annually, welcoming more than 90,000 visitors each year.** The revenue from these events supports the H.O.R.S.E. Therapies program, which provides adaptable equine-assisted services for Veterans, active-duty service members, and individuals with physical or emotional challenges.

NFES/H.O.R.S.E. Therapies partners with the MVO Task Force to further their mission of supporting the military and Veteran community. "Partnering with the MVO Task Force allows us to collaborate with Veteran-owned businesses and extend our impact," emphasized Kroner. The partnership creates opportunities for Veteran-owned businesses to showcase their services at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

H.O.R.S.E. Therapies offers several programs specifically designed to support Veterans, including their signature Veterans Equine Camp. This program uses therapeutic equine activities designed to promote healing and wellness. Additionally, the organization prioritizes hiring Veterans, supporting their transition to civilian life, and empowering them to contribute to H.O.R.S.E. Therapies' mission.

NFES has made significant strides toward its goals. During recent hurricanes, they provided shelter for 600 horses, solidifying their reputation as a trusted resource for the equestrian community. This effort highlights their commitment to serving both animals and people in need.



*H.O.R.S.E. Therapies' youth client practicing groundwork with Butterfinger.*

One of NFES's most impactful events is the annual **Horses and Heroes Rodeo**, which returns on October 24-25. **The rodeo benefits military Veterans and first responders, with proceeds supporting TBI treatment through the UF Health Haley Brain Wellness Program and funding H.O.R.S.E. Therapies programs.** This event fosters healing through equine-assisted services.

**How to Support NFES/H.O.R.S.E. Therapies:**

1. Become a sponsor for the Horses and Heroes Rodeo.
2. Donate to support equine-assisted services for Veterans.
3. Volunteer to help with events and programs.
4. Partner with NFES to expand their reach and impact.
5. Spread the word about their mission on social media.



To learn more contact Ashton Kroner at [akroner@coj.net](mailto:akroner@coj.net) or visit their website: [jaxhorsetherapies.org](http://jaxhorsetherapies.org).

**H.O.R.S.E. Therapies is more than a program—it's a place of healing, hope, and community for Veterans, first responders, and beyond.**

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**JAMES N. PHILLIPS, JR., FOUNDER,  
REMEMBER VETERAN GRAVE MARKERS**



*RVGM volunteers carefully clean and catalog historic Veteran headstones to preserve their legacy for future generations.*



Scan here to make a donation to RVGM to support the purchase of cleaning supplies and tools.

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**REMEMBER VETERAN GRAVE MARKERS INC.:  
A MISSION TO PRESERVE, HONOR, AND REMEMBER**

In the quiet stillness of cemeteries across Lucas County, Ohio, countless Veterans lie at rest. Yet, many of their headstones and grave markers have fallen into disrepair, their inscriptions faded by time. Recognizing this, James N. Phillips Jr., a retired Navy Supply Corps Officer, took action.

Sparked by a heartfelt conversation with his wife, Phillips founded Remember Veteran Grave Markers Inc. (RVGM), **an organization dedicated to restoring the dignity of these final resting places and ensuring that the legacy of those who served is never forgotten.**

The organization’s motto, **Preserve – Honor – Remember**, reflects its core mission. Phillips and his team focus on cleaning and cataloging historic Veteran headstones, ensuring they remain legible and well-preserved. They also work to educate and inspire others about the importance of remembering and honoring Veterans.

To achieve its goals, RVGM collaborates with local Veterans’ organizations, including the VFW and American Legion, as well as community groups like the Scouts America, JROTC, and Trail Life USA. These partnerships help mobilize volunteers and secure funding for cleaning supplies and research tools.

But RVGM’s work extends beyond cleaning grave markers. Working with the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs, **the organization advocates to secure new headstones for Veterans whose markers are damaged or illegible.**

One of RVGM’s most significant victories came when a local cemetery amended its policies, allowing the organization to



restore government-furnished headstones. This achievement set a precedent for other cemeteries to follow, reinforcing the community’s commitment to honoring its Veterans. **With more than 54 private and municipal cemeteries in Lucas County alone, the organization’s task is immense but deeply meaningful.**

This work is personal for Phillips, whose own ancestry includes Veterans of the Civil War, War of 1812, and the American Revolution. For him, each headstone represents not just an individual, but a story—a life dedicated to service and sacrifice.

As 2025 marks the 160th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, RVGM is preparing to intensify its efforts to preserve historic government-furnished headstones across Lucas County. The organization also aims to mentor similar initiatives in other counties and states, spreading its impact nationwide.

You don’t need to be a historian or Veteran to make a difference. Here’s how you can join RVGM’s mission:

- Visit your local cemetery, find a government-furnished grave marker, and help clean it by following [RVGM’s guidelines](#).
- Follow RVGM on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) (@RVGMInc) to spread awareness.
- Consider starting a local chapter of RVGM to help expand its mission.

As Phillips reflected with a favorite quote, “I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something.” Through RVGM, he and his team are proving just how powerful that something can be. **For more information, visit RVGM’s social media pages or contact Jim Phillips directly at (216) 536-2640.**

**Together, we can ensure that no Veteran’s sacrifice is forgotten.**



LYNN A. MILLER, DIRECTOR, WRAP



Lawrence B.G. Rhone, U.S. Army Veteran and WRAP program participant.



Candice Griffith, Retired U.S. Army Major, Montana Army National Guard, and WRAP program participant.

## A PROGRAM THAT STARTS WITH HOPE: WRAP PROVIDES A PATH TO RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

**At the heart of every strong community is a foundation of support, resilience, and well-being.** For Veterans and service members, the challenges of transitioning to civilian life, managing service-related injuries, or maintaining mental health can be daunting. That's where the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), a program of AHP, Inc., steps in.

WRAP is designed to help individuals manage stress, set goals, and maintain overall wellness. As an accessible and customizable tool, **WRAP equips Veterans with strategies to navigate challenges such as untreated behavioral health issues, homelessness, and service-related disabilities.** "Whatever your goals and whatever you're dealing with, WRAP is a tool you can use to get well, stay well, and create the life you want," said Lynn A. Miller, director of WRAP.



Through WRAP, Veterans gain access to structured wellness strategies, crisis prevention tools, and peer support programs that enhance their quality of life. The initiative is widely utilized in Veterans' hospitals, military organizations, and correctional facilities, helping service members and their families cope with life's uncertainties. WRAP offers training, consultation, and technical assistance, enabling Veteran-focused organizations to implement sustainable wellness programs.

Beyond personal development, WRAP offers a structured pathway for individuals to become certified WRAP facilitators. This allows participants to leverage their experience to achieve employment goals and make a positive impact on their communities. **A collaboration with MVO Task Force partner Farmer**

**Veteran Coalition (FVC) exemplifies how the program can be applied in various fields. Through its H.I.V.E. program, FVC helps Veterans navigate life's challenges while pursuing careers in farming and ranching.** By embedding WRAP into such initiatives, the program continues to expand its reach and provide life-changing support to the Veteran community.

One of WRAP's standout successes is WRAP for Veterans, service members, and families. Through a focused program delivered by Veterans, participants engage in hands-on experiential activities proven to improve their wellness and quality of life.

Veterans who have embraced WRAP often describe it as life-altering. Lawrence B.G. Rhone, a U.S. Army Veteran, shared, "WRAP is the foundational tool of everything I do. The structure of WRAP has afforded me the opportunity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from impactful life events. Because of WRAP, I can support others as they navigate their significant life events."

Similarly, Candice Griffith, Retired U.S. Army Major, Montana Army National Guard, and a dedicated WRAP advocate, emphasized the program's power in building lasting connections: "WRAP has given me the freedom to be unapologetically myself. **I have been able to use its five key concepts—Hope, Personal Responsibility, Education, Self-Advocacy, and Support—to guide me each day.**"

For those looking to support or benefit from WRAP's initiatives, there are multiple ways to get involved. Veterans, service members, and their families can explore WRAP's resources at [wellnessrecoveryactionplan.com](https://wellnessrecoveryactionplan.com). Training opportunities are also available for individuals and organizations interested in implementing WRAP within their communities at [wellnessrecoveryactionplan.com/wrap-in-action/training-seminars/](https://wellnessrecoveryactionplan.com/wrap-in-action/training-seminars/).

**With a steadfast commitment to empowering Veterans, WRAP continues to be a beacon of hope and resilience, ensuring every Veteran has the tools to thrive beyond their military service.**

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TAYLOR DREW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VETERANS TO FARMERS



Program participants working in the field.



VTF trains Veterans in agricultural systems, technologies, and business operations for a fulfilling and sustainable lifestyle.

A PAUSE IN THE FIELDS: SUPPORTING VETERANS TO FARMERS IN A TIME OF TRANSITION



Harvesting lavender at Chatfield Farms.

In the picturesque Yampa Valley of Colorado, Taylor Drew's journey from military service to farming shows the transformative power of Veterans to Farmers (VTF). After participating in VTF's 2017 program, Drew co-founded Forever West Farms and remains a shining example of how Veterans, equipped with the knowledge and skills gained through VTF, are helping to shape sustainable agricultural futures.

VTF's impact has been undeniable: thousands of pounds of food grown, communities strengthened, and more than 220 Veterans trained in the art of sustainable farming. But now, facing unprecedented challenges, VTF is at a crossroads, temporarily suspending its classes for the 2025 growing season.

In a February 25 announcement, VTF Founder Richard Murphy explained, "The costs associated with maintaining our operations over the past decade have proven to be quite challenging. However, our success can be attributed to the untiring dedication of our team."



Despite this break in educational offerings, VTF is not closing its doors for good. The heart of VTF—the methodology they have developed and the profound healing it provides—remains unchanged. Agriculture is not just a career; it's a therapeutic practice for Veterans dealing with PTSD, TBI, and other physical and mental health challenges. For many, it's a second chance at purpose and camaraderie, helping them reintegrate into civilian life and forge new paths toward healing.

Veterans like Drew embody this spirit of service, not only by growing food but by mentoring and leading others. As a member of the VTF board since 2019, Drew's personal commitment has helped VTF extend its reach to support Veterans nationwide. But this success comes at a cost, and without continued funding, VTF faces a difficult road ahead. This is where you come in.



As a non-profit, the organization has long depended on the generosity of its supporters to provide life-changing opportunities for Veterans.

The future of Veterans to Farmers depends on the financial support of individuals and organizations who understand the immense value of its mission. They need your help now more than ever. Your donation will ensure that VTF can continue to provide Veterans with the resources, training, and community they need to succeed in farming and beyond. While they are on this brief hiatus, the costs to sustain their programs, explore new opportunities, and prepare for a return to full capacity remain critical.

By contributing, you're not only supporting a program—you're investing in the future of Veterans. With your help, VTF can continue to empower the Veteran community, enabling them to heal, grow, and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient food system.

Make a Difference Today. Please visit veteranstofarmers.org to donate and help keep the Veterans to Farmers' mission alive. We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to their return to the fields soon.

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**IT'S A MILITARY LIFE'S VETERAN PEN PAL PROJECT: SUPPORT VETERANS WITH A SWEET TREAT!**

Want to make a difference while enjoying a delicious treat? It's A Military Life's Veteran Pen Pal Project is teaming up with Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for a special fundraiser! **For just \$12.50 per dozen, you can enjoy fresh, melt-in-your-mouth doughnuts while supporting a meaningful cause—plus, 40% of your purchase goes directly to the Veteran Pen Pal Project!**

**How to Participate:**

- Scan the QR code to the left to order your Krispy Kreme Dozens
- Redeem at your local Krispy Kreme store using the code provided after purchase
- Place your order by April 20, 2025!

The Veteran Pen Pal Project brings companionship and connection to Veterans, military spouses, and active-duty service members through heartfelt letters. What began as a mission to reach Veterans in care facilities has expanded worldwide, fostering meaningful relationships and promoting mental well-being in the military community.

Know that your support helps bring joy, one letter at a time. Join us in giving back and making a lasting impact.



**Order today and share the sweetness!**

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**JASON M. PALMER,**  
NNASC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPLIER COUNCIL**

The National Native American Supplier Council (NNASC) is dedicated to serving as the premier certifying body for tribally and indigenous-owned businesses. **Our mission is to empower our certified businesses by providing opportunities to connect, collaborate, and thrive.**

NNASC offers an unparalleled opportunity for Native-owned businesses to obtain meaningful, robust, and verifiable minority-owned certification. **With a standardized process recognized nationwide, NNASC ensures equitable acknowledgment for Native businesses, carefully addressing the unique laws and regulations governing Native American communities.** Through this rigorous certification process, we help our businesses advance toward economic equity and prosperity.

Understanding that no one is better equipped to serve Tribes than Tribes themselves, NNASC has gained widespread support from Tribal leaders, governments, and economic development corporations. Exclusively



**NNASC Board of Directors**

dedicated to certifying Native-owned businesses, NNASC ensures the highest standards of authenticity and credibility within the Tribal business community.

NNASC proudly partners with the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC), a natural collaboration built on mutual respect and shared values. **This partnership recognizes and honors the significant contributions Native Americans have made to the U.S. military, serving at the highest rate per capita among all demographics, nearly five times the national average.** Together, NNASC and NVBDC amplify opportunities for Native and Veteran-owned businesses, fostering meaningful economic growth and inclusive prosperity.

**To learn more about NNASC, please visit [nnasc.org](http://nnasc.org).**

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**2: Calling All Diverse Owned Business Enterprises! Webinar**  
DeltaPoint Partners & DSDC

**VetBizCentral Small Business Start-Up Orientation**  
VetBizCentral

**3: Vetted Suppliers with Rapid Catalog Enablement Capabilities – Safer, Faster, Smarter, Easier! Webinar**  
DeltaPoint Partners & DSDC

**“Service to Success” Hiring Fair**  
ActNow Education

**A Knight Out**  
Central Penn College

**The Station (Coworking Space) Indiana Boots to Business Reboot**  
VetBizCentral

**Charlotte Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**Dallas Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**Chicago Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**4: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**8: Empowering Veterans: Navigating Tax Benefits and Small Business Resources**  
VetBizCentral

**National Virtual Career Fair for Veterans**  
RecruitMilitary



**9: VetBizCentral Business Start-Up Series Pt. 1 (Feasibility & Industry Research)**  
VetBizCentral

**Job Fair at Fort Moore**  
RecruitMilitary

**Lunch & Learn Series Featuring NVBDC**  
Texas Veterans Commission's Entrepreneurship Program

**10: Kansas City Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**Work Force Coffee Chat**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**11: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**14: Spring Closer Look**  
Central Penn College

**16: VetBizCentral Business Start-Up Series Pt. 2 (Business Plan Development)**  
VetBizCentral

**17: Greater Denver Area Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**Boston Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**“Vetworking” Event**  
Veterans Entrepreneur Alliance

**18: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**21 April – 12 May: Write Your U.S. Military Story Course at Encore Learning**  
Alex Sebby (Words of Veterans)

**22: VetBizCentral Business Start-Up Series Pt. 3 (Preparing for Financing)**  
VetBizCentral

**24: DoD Skillbridge for Employers**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**Job Fair at Joint Base San Antonio**  
RecruitMilitary

**Job Fair at Naval Station Norfolk**  
RecruitMilitary

**Jumpstart Webinar with Walmart**  
NVBDC's Services Committee

**25: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**25 – 26: Total Archery Challenge**  
Warrior Rising

**26: Free Day of Kids Play**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**29: Central Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans**  
RecruitMilitary

**VetBizCentral Business Start-Up Series Pt. 4, (Launching Your Business)**  
VetBizCentral

**29 – 30: Construction Combine**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**29 April – May 13: Pass the Guidon**  
Vet-to-CEO

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**1: Baltimore, MD Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**1 – 2: Warrior Rising Fore! & Pour**  
Warrior Rising

**2: Monthly HRVCC Members Meeting Conroe FOB**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC  
**Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**6: Military Spouse Virtual Career Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**7 – 9: 2025 WPO Entrepreneurial Excellence Forum**  
Women Presidents Organization

**8: Job Fair at Twentynine Palms, CA**  
RecruitMilitary

**Job Fair at Fort Bragg, NC**  
RecruitMilitary

**9: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC



**14: Job Fair at Fort Cavazos, TX**  
RecruitMilitary

**15: New Orleans Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**16: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**17: Military Heritage Gala**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce



**19: Kegs 4 Kause**  
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**2025 Annual Charity Golf Tournament**  
NC Veterans Business Association

**20: National Virtual Career Fair for Veterans**  
RecruitMilitary

**21: 2025 Houston Business Expo**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**22: Job Fair at MacDill Air Force Base**  
RecruitMilitary

**Job Fair at Fort Leonard Wood, MO**  
RecruitMilitary

**23: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC



**29: Phoenix Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**Wright-Patterson AFB Area Veterans Job Fair**  
RecruitMilitary

**31: Houston Regional Veterans Chamber – Friday Weekly**  
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

**Women Veterans Engage Conference**  
Women Veterans Alliance



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**NVBDC NATIONAL VETERAN BUSINESS MATCHMAKING CONFERENCE & VETERANS MARKETPLACE**  
 OCTOBER 29-30, 2025 SPARTANBURG, SC

REGISTRATION WILL BE **OPENING SOON!**

- 1:1 MATCHMAKING
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- EDUCATION
- VETERAN MARKETPLACE

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**Monday May 19th, 2025 6:00-10:00 PM**

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THE VETERANS ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM PRESENTS

**LUNCH and LEARN**

Texas Veterans Commission

NVBDC's Founder and CEO will discuss the critical role of supplier diversity and highlight NVBDC's efforts in certifying veteran-owned businesses and connecting them with opportunities in corporate supply chains and the value veteran-owned businesses bring to the marketplace.

**April 9, 2025**  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Keith King, Founder & CEO**  
 National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)

SCAN TO REGISTER



**May 21st 2025 HOUSTON BUSINESS EXPO**

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**2025 ANNUAL CHARITY Golf TOURNAMENT**

**May 19**

**Brier Creek Country Club**  
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Registration : 9am | Shotgun: 11am

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