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IN THIS ISSUE: NEW MVO TASK FORCE MEMBERS



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Welcome to the MVO Task Force Connect!

This month, we're excited to welcome two new Task Force partners and to congratulate **Talents ASCEND** as they evolve—not only with a new name, but also with a renewed commitment to finding exemplary ways to support our military and Veteran community.

Continue reading to learn about the **Native American Business Association**, which established itself as the voice for Native American business owners and entrepreneurs—supporting economic development through training, networking, and access to funding.

The **New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce** has become a leading advocate for Veterans, military spouses, and student Veterans across the state in just seven short years since its founding in 2018. Their tireless work has improved economic opportunities and increased access to contracting for Veteran-owned businesses.

We invite you to learn more about **Talents ASCEND's** nonprofit, **The ASCEND Collective**, and its transformative mission: to eliminate outdated hiring practices based on resumes and traditional applications, and instead champion a skills-first approach. So, if you're exploring your next career opportunity and want to embark on a new approach to the traditional job search, discover how The ASCEND Collective can help open the door to the right opportunities.

One of NVBDC's own, **Sid Taylor**, who is not only a member of the Board of Directors and leads the 50 State Manager and JROTC scholarship program, is now a published author. Peek inside to get the scoop on his new book, **"America's Kryptonite Volume I: The Problem."** Sid doesn't hold back as he takes a deep dive into our economic future and the potential of over 43 million American jobs at risk by 2030.

Enjoy this edition, and until next month... always remember...

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

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

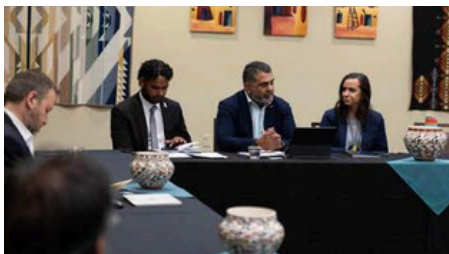
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AMANDA SMITH, FOUNDER
NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



*Roundtable Luncheon & Discussion
with First Nations People in Australia.*



*NABA Collective Impact
Welcome Event.*

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FROM FILLING A LOCAL GAP TO A GLOBAL MOVEMENT: NABA ELEVATES NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS

When Amanda Smith launched her own business in North Texas, she did what many entrepreneurs do—she attended every networking event, met with procurement officers, and tried to navigate the complex world of contracts and supplier diversity.

But as she connected with local organizations, it became painfully clear: **Although more than 30 minority chambers served the Dallas–Fort Worth area, none were advocating for the Native community.**

That realization became the spark for the Native American Business Association (NABA). What started as a local initiative among a few Native American entrepreneurs, and entities like the city of Dallas and Parkland Hospital, quickly evolved into a national and global movement. Today, NABA serves indigenous-owned businesses across the United States, with growing membership and support in Canada and Australia.

NABA's mission is built on three pillars: **advocate, educate, and collaborate.** This means not only connecting Native business owners with buyers and contracts but also offering the tools and training they need to succeed—mentorship, educational workshops, matchmaking events, and policy advocacy.



NABA Hosting Native Community Leaders.

For Amanda, this mission is personal. As the daughter of a Veteran, she knows firsthand the strength and sacrifice that comes with military service. NABA is proud to support Native American Veterans and military-connected entrepreneurs—with a strong focus on Veteran-owned enterprises.

"Native Americans represent the largest minority group among Veterans, and many of our NABA members are Veterans themselves, have Veteran spouses, or come from families with strong military ties," Smith said. "Just like our Native-owned businesses, Veteran-owned businesses are often overlooked or forgotten, even though their sacrifices have secured the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today."

To learn more about NABA's mission, upcoming events, or how to get involved, visit nativeamericanbusinessassociation.org.



NABA's 2024 Collective Impact Expo.

To better serve this community, NABA is launching a dedicated **Veteran Division and Committee** focused on empowering Native American Veteran entrepreneurs. This new initiative will lead targeted outreach and form strategic partnerships to help Veteran-owned businesses get certified, gain visibility in supplier diversity programs, and access meaningful contracting opportunities. Members will benefit from customized educational workshops, mentorship from experienced entrepreneurs, and direct introductions to corporate and government procurement professionals. Through continued advocacy for equitable inclusion in socioeconomic spending and use of NABA's growing matchmaking database, the committee aims to connect businesses with buyers actively seeking diverse suppliers.

Also watch for two upcoming events from NABA: the **Reservation Economics Summit** (Sept. 24–25) and **How to Do Business with Parkland Health** (virtual, Sept. 30). These events bring together corporate buyers, procurement leaders, and Indigenous entrepreneurs for workshops, panels, and direct networking, creating a powerful platform for visibility and growth.

"Lasting change isn't created by one individual, one business, or a single organization," Smith said. "It comes from the collective strength of all of us. By working together, we can make a long-lasting and collective impact."



JEFF CANTOR
CO-FOUNDER AND CEO, NJSVCC



FRANCISCO CORTES
CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, NJSVCC

MILLIONS IN CONTRACTS AND COUNTING: HOW THE NEW JERSEY STATE VETERANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUELS VETERAN BUSINESS SUCCESS



When Veterans return home, they shouldn't have to fight for access to opportunity—but too often, that's exactly what happens. In 2018, CEO Jeff Cantor and President Francisco Cortes set out to change that by co-founding the **New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce (NJSVCC)**, a statewide organization dedicated to leveling the economic playing field for Veteran-owned businesses.

What began as a mission to support local entrepreneurs has since grown into a powerful network that has helped its members secure millions in contracts—and continues to open doors across the public and private sectors.

“Our goal is to make New Jersey’s economy fairer to Veteran-owned businesses,” Cortes said. “We’re here to create opportunities—for Veterans, their spouses, and student Veterans—and to make sure they’re not left behind.”

NJSVCC offers its members more than just advocacy. It hosts multiple procurement events each year, connecting Veteran-owned businesses with key decision-makers from government agencies and major corporations. Members gain access to resilience training, marketing support, and networking opportunities that range from formal business forums to community-building events like fishing, music festivals, and golf outings.



Tunes for Troops 2025.

NJSVCC also provides support to help Veteran business owners register and certify their businesses at both the state and federal levels. Members are guided through important processes such as the annual New Jersey Veteran-owned business and service-disabled Veteran-owned business registration forms, and are connected to key federal resources.

The chamber also works closely with regional partners, and connects members to procurement opportunities through platforms like the State of New Jersey Business Portal, NJ Selective Assistance Vendor Information, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and other contracting systems across New York and Pennsylvania.

While its roots are in New Jersey, NJSVCC’s vision aligns with the national goals of the National Veterans Business Development Council: advancing the economic power of the Veteran business community through certification, credibility, and connections. “NVBDC shares our values and mission,” Cortes said. “Together, we’re opening doors for Veterans who deserve a shot at real success.”

That means creating spaces for business development as well as personal well-being—blending formal procurement strategies with relationship-building events that foster collaboration, confidence, and community. Whether it’s through contract wins, strategic partnerships, or education, the goal is always the same: empowerment through action.

A guiding principle for Cortes and the organization is best captured in a phrase they live by: **“Aut viam inveniam aut faciam” — I will either find a way or make one.**

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Discover Veteran resources and new opportunities at the NJSVCC Warrior Portal at warriorportal.com.

To learn more about NJSVCC, attend an upcoming event, or become a member, visit njveteranschamber.com.



THE ASCEND COLLECTIVE'S MISSION FOR INCLUSIVE HIRING AND EMPOWERING TALENT

After nine years of military service, Robyn Grable faced a harsh reality many Veterans know too well: Her hard-earned skills weren't immediately recognized in the civilian job market. Told to "start at the bottom," she spent years rebuilding her career. That experience fueled her determination to ensure others wouldn't face the same struggle.

At the heart of their work is **CATE®—the Career AI Talent Equalizer**—a proprietary skills translation and matching engine that levels the playing field by focusing on capabilities over credentials. Complementing this is the **Northern Compass Academy**, a virtual career readiness hub offering free, tailored online courses and coaching designed to empower Veterans, military spouses, diversely abled individuals, justice-impacted candidates, and small business founders along their unique career journeys.



**ROBYN GRABLE
FOUNDER, TALENTS ASCEND**



Community Support is an Ethos of The ASCEND Collective.



Community Groups Within The ASCEND Collective.



In 2018, she founded Veterans ASCEND in South Carolina, launching it as a community-driven initiative to support Veterans transitioning into civilian roles. With a team made up entirely of Veterans and military spouses, the organization quickly became a trusted resource for those navigating the shift to civilian careers.

As Grable's vision grew to include military spouses, people with diverse abilities, justice-impacted individuals, and small business founders facing unique challenges, the organization evolved to **Talents ASCEND** in 2022. At that time, **The ASCEND Collective** was formed to address these unique groups as part of the 501c(3) — all dedicated to advocating for underserved talent and breaking down barriers rooted in bias.

Robyn and her team provide more than free, virtual tools—they build a collective voice for opportunity. Their resources include career coaches, advocates, employer education, and partnerships with organizations like the Department of Defense's SkillBridge program, ECPI University, and the L-EAF Lab, which innovates learning experiences through real-world skill-building and digital portfolios.



"The ASCEND Collective doesn't just see potential—we invest in it," Grable said. "Everyone deserves employment that values them as a person, appreciates their skills, and offers a path to success. Our differences are what make us stronger."

The ASCEND Collective's mission is clear: to remove outdated hiring practices that rely on resumes and traditional applications, often hotbeds for discrimination, and instead lead the way in skills-first hiring. Their innovative approach centers on valuing what individuals can do—not just where they've been or what titles they held.

As a DOD/DOL Employment Navigator and Military Spouse Employment partner with a five-star rating on Vets Indexes, The ASCEND Collective is poised to transform how organizations discover and support talent, while empowering candidates to thrive—without bias or barriers.



Join The ASCEND Collective in breaking down barriers and investing in underserved talent. Whether you're a Veteran, military spouse, or supporter, you can access career resources, volunteer as a coach, or help expand opportunities. **Discover how you can make a difference at theascendcollective.org.**

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SID E. TAYLOR
AUTHOR, FOUNDER OF
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AND ECONOMIC STABILITY. VOLUME I
By: Sid E. Taylor THE PROBLEM

"THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN TO START THE CONVERSATION ON A NATIONAL LEVEL BECAUSE THIS IS AN AMERICAN MANDATE. WE OWE IT TO THE NEXT GENERATION."

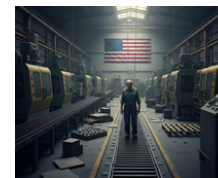
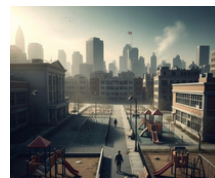
– SID E. TAYLOR

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SID E. TAYLOR SOUNDS THE ALARM ON AMERICA'S WORKFORCE CRISIS IN "AMERICA'S KRYPTONITE"

Sid E. Taylor, United States Marine, Vietnam combat Veteran, automotive industry trailblazer, and member of the NVBDC Board of Directors, is issuing a wake-up call to America. His new book, "America's Kryptonite Volume I: The Problem," will be released on September 1, 2025, on Amazon in hardcover and paperback, as well as at americaskryptonite.com.



The book's premise is urgent and unsettling: Over 43 million American jobs are at risk by 2030, yet national conversations largely ignore the looming crisis. According to Taylor, the threats stem from a combination of factors: dark manufacturing, an aging workforce, declining birth rates, and shrinking labor participation from underrepresented communities, particularly men, Black and Brown Americans, and women. He calls this workforce gap "America's kryptonite" because it silently weakens the nation's economic competitiveness.

Taylor's insights come from over 48 years in the automotive industry, including a 22-year career with General Motors. In 1989, he founded SET Enterprises, Inc., which grew into the eighth-largest African American-owned manufacturing company in the United States, with revenues exceeding \$500 million. Under his leadership, the company expanded to seven locations across five states, serving automotive OEM clients such as Ford Motor Company, Chrysler, General Motors, Honda, and Nissan. SET Enterprises has earned awards for multiple years, including Ford's World Excellence Award and Daimler Chrysler's Gold Award.

Drawing from his decades of leadership, Taylor connects macroeconomic data with experience, making a compelling case that the U.S. is ill-prepared for the seismic workforce changes ahead. "We are not running out of workers; we're running out of vision," Taylor warned. "If we don't fix the systems that exclude people from opportunity and invest in training them for the jobs of the future, we'll never fix the economy that depends on them. They all can't go to college with so many of the future jobs that require other skills and certifications."

"America's Kryptonite Volume I" focuses on defining and quantifying the problem. Taylor examines dark manufacturing, the hidden labor force shortages that erode productivity, and outlines how systemic inequities and lack of skills training perpetuate the crisis. He doesn't shy away from hard truths about education, technology adaptation, and policy gaps.

The book also launches the Kryptonite Movement, an interactive online platform where citizens can engage directly. Each week, visitors to americaskryptonite.com can vote on a "Question of the Week" related to workforce readiness, with results posted every Monday. Taylor believes this grassroots dialogue is essential to building consensus for real solutions. After the book's release on September 1, recommendations and actions will be provided on the website, with ways parents and everyday citizens can take action now.

"Volume II: The Solution" will follow, providing actionable strategies to reverse course before it's too late. In the meantime, Taylor urges readers, leaders, and concerned citizens to join the movement.

"We owe it to the next generation," Taylor says. "If we act now, we can turn this crisis into an opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy."

Learn more, join the discussion, and vote on a question of the week at americaskryptonite.com.

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JUMPSTART YOUR GROWTH: HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH KOHLER AND TRUIST BANK

Service disabled and Veteran-owned businesses, get ready to expand your opportunities with two leading corporations committed to supplier diversity! Join the NVBDC Services Committee for two upcoming **JumpStart webinars** designed to connect your business with decision-makers from Kohler and Truist Bank.

September 25: Audrey Saint-Elie, program manager at **Kohler**—one of the most respected names in manufacturing—will share insights on building an inclusive supplier network. Learn about Kohler’s Inclusive Sourcing Program and discover how to certify your business, meet supplier criteria, and prepare for current and future sourcing opportunities with this industry leader.

October 23: Learn from **Truist Bank** representatives about their Supplier Development Program, long-term inclusion goals, certifying and registering your business with Truist, procurement criteria, and upcoming sourcing needs. This session provides direct access to corporate professionals from one of the nation’s largest banks who are actively seeking Veteran-owned suppliers.

Whether you are NVBDC Certified or just beginning your supplier journey, these webinars provide actionable tools and insider knowledge to help you stand out in competitive corporate landscapes.

Register today at nvbdc.org/events and JumpStart your business growth with Kohler and Truist Bank!

FROM SERVICE TO GLOBAL SUCCESS: UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF EXPORTING GOODS AND SERVICES

For Veteran entrepreneurs, domestic success is just the beginning. **With nearly 96% of global consumers outside the U.S., international markets offer huge growth potential.** Yet expanding globally can be daunting due to foreign regulations, financing challenges, and unfamiliar customer outreach.

To bridge this gap, the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) is hosting an encore to its **Unlocking Global Opportunities** export webinar from **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST on September 9, 2025.** This free webinar is designed exclusively for Veteran businesses interested in exporting, providing the essential knowledge and connections to compete on an international scale.

Hear from U.S. trade and export finance leaders, including **Anthony Sargis**, senior ITA trade specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce’s VetsGoGlobal initiative; **Brian Beams**, director of the global financial services team at the U.S. Commerce Department; **Miguel Peñaloza**, SBA export finance manager; and **Jonathan Brady**, senior business development officer at EXIM Bank. These experts will deliver practical guidance on identifying international markets, connecting with global buyers, and leveraging financial tools like SBA loan programs and EXIM credit insurance specifically designed to reduce risk for Veteran-owned businesses.

Participants will leave with actionable strategies and export-ready resources to add global trade to their growth plans. For Veterans experienced in domestic supplier diversity, exporting is the natural next step—and NVBDC is here to help make that transition seamless.

Register now at nvbdc.org/events and take the next step toward scaling your business globally.

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KEITH KING
FOUNDER, NVBDC

5 QUESTIONS WITH KEITH KING: NVBDC CERTIFIES VETERAN BUSINESSES FOR FEDERAL AND CORPORATE CONTRACTS

By Fox Associates

We say this often, but it's nevertheless always worth repeating. At Fox Associates, we're incredibly fortunate to work with a dazzling array of partners in the media space.

We have an inherent fascination with all of the disparate markets—from public works to numismatics and lots more—where we help associations and media companies grow their businesses. This month, we're very happy to visit with Keith King, an old friend with whom we worked in the past at the Vietnam Veterans of America. Now Keith heads up the National Veteran Business Development Council, which is dedicated to helping Veteran-owned businesses secure local, state, corporate, and federal contracts. We caught up with Keith earlier this month.

Fox Tales: Tell us how you came to form the National Veteran Business Development Council.

Keith King: I was an early adopter of federal contracting opportunities as a service-disabled Veteran-owned business in 1999. For the next 14 years, I learned about the good, the bad, and the very ugly aspects of how the federal government worked, or more specifically, how its purchasing system functioned. During those years, I became aware of the concept of "supplier diversity." Major corporations offered specific contracting opportunities to various demographics, primarily available to minorities and women. I wanted to know why Veterans were not included.

Fox Tales: Is the certification program your main mission or are there several mutually supportive objectives?

King: Certification is our key service. Certification is far more difficult and in-depth than most business owners think. Additionally, corporations have specific rules regarding the requirements that must be met for your certification to be accepted for their supplier diversity program. We provide Veterans with a wide range of matchmaking services, educational webinars, and training sessions, as well as numerous opportunities to meet and interact with our corporate members.

Fox Tales: Give us a sense of how many certifications, placements, matches, and the like the NVBDC has made in your 12 years.

King: It took us almost 15 months to learn and write the Veteran-certification process.

We were accepted by the national women's and minorities certification groups to learn from them about what they do and why. Once we had written the program, we presented it to a large group of corporations and other certification organizations. With a positive review and encouragement, we launched our certification program in 2014. Since then, we have certified over 4,000 Veteran-owned and service-disabled owned businesses.

Fox Tales: Where is there room for still more growth?

King: Along the way, we learned about a special group of corporations that belong to a trade association known as the Billion Dollar Roundtable (BDR). To join this group, each member must spend at least \$1 billion per year on their supplier-diversity program. In 2017, we were accepted by the BDR members and designated as their only acceptable Veteran-certification organization. As the members of the BDR began capturing and reporting their "spend" with our Veteran and service-disabled Veteran-owned businesses, we were stunned by the amounts. In 2023, the BDR conducted an economic impact study of its members. **They reported \$4.3 billion spent with our Veterans and a total impact of \$6.7 billion.** There are many Veteran-owned businesses that we want to get certified here in America. However, to answer your question, we are aware that there are thousands of American Veteran-owned businesses operating worldwide. We are planning to announce our international initiative this year.

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Fox Tales: Tell us about your journey from ad sales/ad representation and marketing, to the NVBDC.

King: My journey to a career in radio began in 1967, while I was in high school. Our speech teacher was a former disc jockey. As it turned out, my lunch and study hall times ran back-to-back, giving me two hours of time to myself. The teacher got permission to let me do a “show” in any room that the teacher would allow it, or any room throughout the building that wasn’t being used. My radio career was delayed for college and then the military, starting in 1969. I served in the Army from 1969 to 1971 with a tour in Vietnam during 1970. I restarted my radio career in 1974 at a station in Detroit.

Like many Vietnam Veterans, I learned quickly that being a “Nam Vet” was not advantageous to my career, so I removed it from my resume and never talked about it to anyone outside of my family. That changed in 1980 when I met another Nam Vet who was trying to form a group to help get legislation written to change our health care and other benefits. That meeting changed my life. I became a Veterans advocate. Within a couple of years, I helped form the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of Michigan. Shortly after, I became the state commander. I would be appointed by the governor to several positions to help the state deliver benefits to its Veterans. Along with my career in radio and TV, I was normally the public relations guy regardless of whatever other title I held. By 2005, I was appointed chair of the National Public Affairs Committee for the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). I walked into

a mess. Our bi-monthly magazine was being printed on old, dirty press stock. Our website was so poorly designed that you could get lost trying to follow a story that ran several pages deep. And those were just the beginning of the issues. One of my best decisions was to hire Fox Associates. It felt like I was working two full-time jobs, but it was worth it. With Fox’s help, we were putting out a product that our Vets could be proud of.

Fox Tales: How does your own experience as a veteran influence your work now?

King: As I mentioned, I observed some individuals who were not Veterans being issued federal contracts. Through learning about supplier diversity programs, I became convinced that with the right people joining me, we could open doors for our Veterans to participate in the billion-dollar markets that our corporations have created. As a Veteran, **I am now working on something I am proud of: helping our fellow Veterans have the opportunity to succeed.**

Fox Tales is a monthly email newsletter from Fox Associates designed to help media and ad-sales professionals become faster, more adaptable, and more effective —sharing industry insights, case studies, macro trends, and practical tips to drive client growth.

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3: Marketing Math: Understand How To Measure Marketing Return on Investment
VetBizCentral

4: Monthly HRVCC Members Meeting Conroe FOB
Houston Regional Veterans CoC
Adding Direct Mail to Your Marketing Strategy
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Job Fair at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
RecruitMilitary

Fort Hood Area Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

Hill AFB Area Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

8: The Captured Branding Small Business Expo
Captured Branding

9: Mastering Resources: Unlocking Global Opportunities
NVBDC and the International Trade Administration

Empowering Women Veterans in Business Pt.1, w/ GLWBC
VetBizCentral

10: Annual Chamber Summit
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

4th Annual Idaho Veterans & Spouses Shark Tank
ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Charlotte Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

Boston Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

Atlanta Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

11: 2025 Business Partner of the Year Breakfast
Central Penn College

Mastering Your Elevator Pitch (Live Practice)
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

11 September - 16 October: HRVCC Veteran Business Growth Academy – Fall Cohort 2025
Houston Regional Veterans CoC

12: Visit Day
Central Penn College
Uniting in Service: Military Thriving® Minneapolis
ZeroMills

13: Visit Day
Central Penn College

15: OCBA Veterans Committee 10th Annual Golf Outing
Vets Returning Home

16: Prospecting to Profit – Mastering the Modern Sales Funnel Webinar
DeltaPoint Partners and DFW Veterans CoC

Empowering Women Veterans in Business Pt.2, w/ Cornerstone Alliance WBC
VetBizCentral

17: Meritorious Military Series: Veterans in GovCon: How AI is Transforming Contracting & Teaming
Meritorious

18: Building Your Client List and Lead Generation Strategies
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Job Fair at Fort Knox
RecruitMilitary

Nashville Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

Phoenix Veterans Job Fair
RecruitMilitary

Meridian Vet-Working (The OG)
Veteran Entrepreneur Alliance

18-19: 2025 Annual Procurement Summit
NC Veteran Business Association



19: Visit Day
Central Penn College

2025 Veteran Business Summit
NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce

20: 6th Annual Honor Ride for Veterans in End-of-Life Care
Veterans Last Patrol

24: Military Community Job Fair at Syracuse University
RecruitMilitary

24-25: Reservation Economics Summit
Native American Business Association

25: Closing the Sale: Relationship-Driven Selling
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

JumpStart Webinar with Kohler
NVBDC Services Committee

Job Fair at Fort Drum
RecruitMilitary

Job Fair at Fort Bliss
RecruitMilitary

26: Visit Day
Central Penn College

26-28: Unconference 2025
Women Veterans Alliance

29: Hoosiers for Hope Golf Tournament
Hope for the Warriors

29-30: Drive for Hope Golf Tournament
Hope for the Warriors

30: Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans
RecruitMilitary

How To Do Business With Parkland Health
Native American Business Association

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Houston Regional Veterans CoC

Creating a Capability Statement That Wins Contracts
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

3: Visit Day
Central Penn College

4: 10th Annual L2F Cup
Links to Freedom

6: The Captured Branding Small Business Expo
Captured Branding

6-8: 2025 WRAP Symposium: Reach New Peaks
Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), a program of AHP, Inc.



9: Cost Assessment Checklist: Understanding Your True Business Expenses
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

9-10: 4th Annual No Obstacles: A Race for the Warriors
Hope for the Warriors

14: Effective Lead Generation Strategies Webinar
DeltaPoint Partners and DFW Veterans CoC

16: Business Health Assessment: Are You NVSBW-Ready?
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Meridian Vet-Working (The OG)
Veteran Entrepreneur Alliance



National Pizza Month

18: Fall Harvest Festival
Central Penn College

23: Using Mind Mapping for Business Innovation
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

JumpStart Webinar with Truist Bank
NVBDC Services Committee

23-24: Johnny Bench Golf Classic
Hope for the Warriors

26-28: 2025 Farmer Veteran Coalition Stakeholders Conference
Farmer Veteran Coalition

29-30: National Veteran Business Matchmaking Conference and Veteran Marketplace 2025
NVBDC

30: Small Business Holiday Marketing Campaigns
MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce



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