



**MILITARY & VETERAN ORGANIZATION TASK FORCE**  
ADVANCING THE MILITARY COMMUNITY

# MVO TASK FORCE CONNECT

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Building partnerships



Supporting our Veteran Business Owners



Identifying training opportunities



Creating valuable networking relationships



## IN THIS ISSUE: NEW MVO TASK FORCE MEMBER



## FEATURED MVO TASK FORCE MEMBERS



## Welcome to the MVO Task Force Connect!

In October, the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) joins forces with the **International Trade Administration (ITA)** in celebration of **Manufacturing Month**. U.S. manufacturing is one of our industrial cornerstones that contributes \$2.9 trillion to the U.S. economy, employs nearly 12.9 million American workers, and accounts for 11 percent of the nation's GDP. In this edition, we discuss the global initiatives afforded to our service-disabled and Veteran-owned business manufacturers and provide information on international opportunities available to them.

Meet our newest Task Force partner, **Global Chamber**, an organization created to provide positive, professional, and growth-oriented networking opportunities that support exporting, importing, and cross-border investment. The Global Chamber has 525 chapters in the U.S., Africa, Asia, the Pacific region, Europe, North America, and South America.

Take the opportunity to learn more about three additional Task Force partners. Since they were last featured in our newsletter, **Bugle** has expanded their programs expeditiously. Learn about their enhanced mission as they continue to support nonprofit organizations.

**Blue Star Families** hit the ground running 16 years ago in support of military families and continues to this day as the leader in this space as they engage with more than 1.5 million military families.

And **Combined Arms** is an organization geared to help military personnel and Veterans find the right organizations to address their needs. Combined Arms excels at connecting the right resources to the right people at the right times, enabling Veterans and military families to continually thrive.

Also, in this edition, you'll have the opportunity for an advanced peek into our plans for the November MVO Task Force Connect newsletter. In place of our usual monthly content, we will be publishing a special **2025 MVO Task Force Giving Guide** designed to shift gears and focus on giving. This guide will be a directory-style edition dedicated to spotlighting many of our Task Force partners, where you'll find a front-row seat to discover and learn about the incredible Veteran-aligned initiatives they lead, and how your support through donations, volunteers, or corporate sponsorship can help them to continue, grow, and excel.

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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**DOUG BRUHNKE**  
CEO & FOUNDER, GLOBAL CHAMBER



**CHRISTOPHER HERRING**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL CHAMBER



*Global Chamber Phoenix 9th Annual  
Women in Global Leadership.*

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## GLOBAL CHAMBER: MAKING INTERNATIONAL GROWTH SIMPLER FOR BUSINESSES EVERYWHERE

Growing a business is never easy, and when companies look to expand across regions and borders, the challenges multiply. The chance of failure also increases when businesses attempt to scale globally. That reality inspired the creation of Global Chamber, an organization dedicated to simplifying international business growth and creating opportunities for leaders to succeed, no matter where they operate.

With 525 chapters (and growing) across the U.S., Africa, Asia and Pacific region, Europe, North America, and South America, the organization provides members with an extremely powerful network to support growth across virtually every sector and geography.

**“Our mission is to make doing business across regions and borders as easy as doing business across the street,” said Doug Bruhnke, CEO and founder of Global Chamber.**

Members gain access to training, the Export Circles program, and communities of professionals equally committed to global expansion. The organization emphasizes inclusion, equity, and transparency, ensuring that business leaders from diverse backgrounds have a safe and supportive space to collaborate. By fostering this environment, Global Chamber advances its vision of creating a world where international trade is not only easier, but also more inclusive and widely appreciated.

One of the most impactful recent wins demonstrates how meaningful these connections can be. A U.S. technology company, founded by a Veteran entrepreneur, sought to expand its telemedicine solution beyond the U.S. **Through Global Chamber’s network, the company was connected with a leader of a top healthcare system in Argentina, leading to a partnership that helped the company become the number one telemedicine provider in the country.** It is a reminder that success often comes down to the right connection at the right time.

Global Chamber is continuing to expand its global operating system to better support members worldwide. The platform, powered by people and AI, connects company leaders to clients, resources, information, and global events.



*Executive Director Christopher Herring  
and Founder and CEO Doug Bruhnke*

In addition, the organization is building regional leadership teams across its chapters, providing members with local experts who can help them connect, collaborate, and grow sustainably.

“We want to create a world where global business is better understood and appreciated, and more companies take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities that global trade provides,” said Bruhnke.

**Veteran business owners and entrepreneurs interested in learning more or becoming a member can get in touch with Christopher Herring, Executive Director of Global Chamber and Retired U.S. Air Force Officer, at [christopher@globalchamber.org](mailto:christopher@globalchamber.org).**

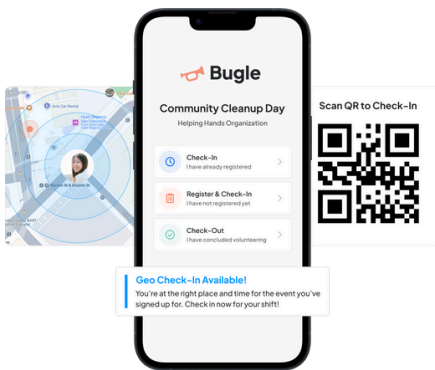
**To explore upcoming events, connect with global business leaders, or learn more about Global Chamber programs, visit [globalchamber.org](http://globalchamber.org).**



**RYAN JOHNSON**  
CEO, BUGLE

**“WE AIM TO DOUBLE VOLUNTEERING IN THE U.S. BY 2030, AND WORLDWIDE BY 2036.”**

– Ryan Johnson

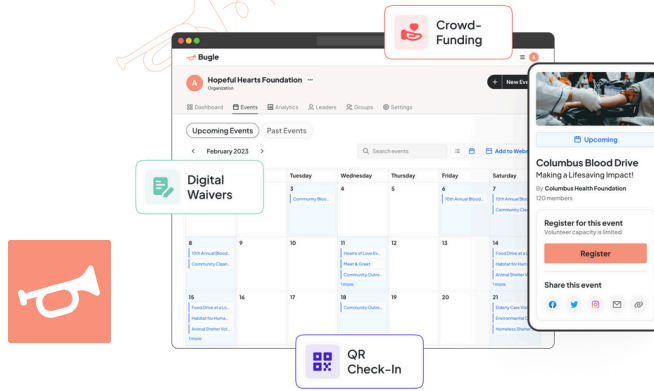


*Bugle's digital check-in/out solutions enable volunteers to check into events using a QR code or GPS on their device or a digital kiosk on a tablet or laptop.*

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**BUGLE EXPANDS REACH, LAUNCHES NEW FEATURES, AND MOBILIZES THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS**



*Bugle streamlines crowdfunding, digital waiver management, online registration, and QR code check-in for volunteering events.*

Since joining the MVO Task Force in February 2024, when we first reported on them in Connect for their innovative approach to volunteer management, Bugle has made significant strides in helping nonprofits and Veteran-focused organizations mobilize volunteers, manage events, and track community impact through its volunteering platform. Bugle's milestones this past year demonstrate their growth, innovation, and impact.

**Bugle successfully raised its pre-seed funding round**, led by ACE Capital, providing critical resources to accelerate growth, enhance features, and expand its reach worldwide. The platform also launched crowdfunding functionality to more easily collect individual donations for projects or events, engage supporters with tangible impact, and secure additional resources to expand programming beyond general fundraising. With Bugle's **Impact Update** tool, nonprofits can share project outcomes with donors and volunteers, creating transparency, accountability, and a stronger sense of community among supporters.

**Another major enhancement is Bugle's group reservation functionality**, which makes it easier for corporate teams to register and participate in volunteer events. By simplifying the logistics of large-group volunteering, Bugle is making it easier for organizations to engage employees, strengthen team bonds, and deliver meaningful support to local communities.

**Bugle's innovation has been well-received and its growth has been impressive.** Through word of mouth and a growing organic demand, Bugle adds one new nonprofit every day and now serves nonprofits and non-governmental organizations in 12 countries, welcoming its first Swedish organization in September. Over the past year, approximately 12,000 volunteers used Bugle to support nonprofit activities, contributing an estimated \$1.8 million in social services to communities in need.

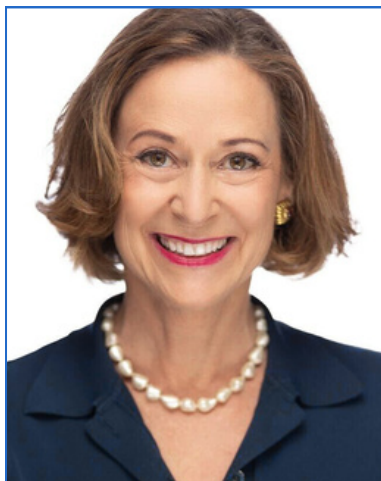
**“Our team and supporters enabled us to launch Bugle's new tools and empower thousands of volunteers to turn good intentions into real impact.** And we're just getting started,” said Ryan Johnson, CEO and co-founder of Bugle and U.S. Army Special Forces Veteran. “As we continue innovating, our goal is to help even more nonprofits, Veterans, and volunteers turn their efforts into measurable change—and to double volunteering in the U.S. by 2030, and worldwide by 2036.”

**Guided by U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion's philosophy—“If not me, then who?”—Bugle empowers Veterans, nonprofit staff, and volunteers to take matters into their own hands.** With intuitive tools for event management, volunteer coordination, fundraising, and impact reporting, organizations can focus on what matters most: serving their communities.

**Learn how Bugle makes it easy to mobilize volunteers and create impact at [buglevolunteers.com](https://buglevolunteers.com).**



## BLUE STAR FAMILIES BUILDS STRONGER COMMUNITIES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ACROSS AMERICA



**KATHY ROTH-DOUQUET**  
CEO, BLUE STAR FAMILIES

Military life comes with unique challenges—frequent moves, deployments, and navigating transitions between service and civilian life. Recognizing the need for better support, Kathy Roth-Douquet and other members of the military community launched Blue Star Families in 2009 to amplify their voices, provide meaningful resources, and build a connected network that helps them thrive. Today, the organization continues to transform support for military families through local chapters and outposts, peer-to-peer programs, events, career and caregiver resources, and a digital platform that connects families nationwide.

Peer-to-peer initiatives, such as **Blue Star Support Circles: Upstream Solutions to Crisis and Veteran** caregiver groups, offer trusted connections and are guided by mental health professionals. Signature programs, including the **4+1 Commitment for Military Spouse Success, Nourish the Service, and Do Your Part**, tackle employment, food insecurity, and community engagement. The **Outdoor Explorers for All** program helps military families connect with nature. Together, these initiatives help families not only manage the demands of military life, but thrive in it.

Blue Star Families follows a simple model: **Listen. Partner. Share. Act.** It listens to families, partners with leading organizations, shares insights, and acts on what is needed most. Serving both military and Veteran families—including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and transitioning service members—Blue Star Families offers multiple ways to connect, engage, and find support.



*Blue Star Families offers once-in-a-lifetime experiences like the Ford Proud to Honor Bronco Off-Roadeo.*

One way it connects families is through its digital **Blue Star Neighborhood**, a digital platform for meeting peers with shared experiences, accessing resources, joining interest-based groups, and participating in virtual or local events.

“Wherever military and Veteran families go, they deserve to feel at home—welcomed, included, and celebrated. At Blue Star Families, we’re proving that military life can be not only manageable, but joyful. Because **when we stand together, we don’t just support our families—we lift them up, strengthen our communities, and remind the world that military life is a source of pride and connection,**” said Roth-Douquet.



*Blue Star Families is all about community—connecting military and Veteran families with each other and within their local neighborhoods.*



*Outdoor programming fosters belonging, strengthens bonds, and boosts overall well-being.*

The impact is measurable. Findings from the annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey shaped provisions in the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act, resulting in increased pay for junior enlisted members, expanded childcare, and enhanced employment support for military spouses.

Blue Star Families addresses a wide spectrum of needs, spanning career development, caregiving, mental health, community engagement, and family well-being.

Looking ahead, Blue Star Families continues to grow through its chapters, outposts, and the Blue Star Neighborhood digital platform, creating more opportunities for military and Veteran families to connect, engage, and thrive.

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**Military and Veteran families, along with supporters, can volunteer, attend events, or explore programs. To get involved or learn more, visit [bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org).**



**ALEXA PETTY**  
**NORTH TEXAS PARTNERSHIP**  
**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER,**  
**COMBINED ARMS**



*Combined Arms hosts events where Veterans can share where they became "United After the Uniform."*

## COMBINED ARMS: HELPING VETERANS FIND VETTED BENEFITS AND SERVICES WITH EASE

Veterans and their families may struggle to find help because the programs and services available to them are often scattered, uncoordinated, and hard to navigate. When they try to get support—whether for mental health, housing, food, finances, jobs, legal needs, or reintegration into the community—they often encounter confusion, redundancy, and gaps, making it difficult to access the help they actually need.

The problem is that there are too many available resources with no clear, organized way to engage them. This is where Combined Arms comes in.

Combined Arms, a nationally recognized nonprofit, solves this problem by offering a centralized, technology-driven platform that connects individuals to a vetted network of local, state, and federal providers.



*Combined Arms helps with food distribution by connecting the military community to food assistance programs and local pantries.*

**The result is a user-friendly, "shopping-cart-style" interface that allows Veterans and families to select multiple services at once.** This provides a seamless experience tailored to their unique needs and ensures access to resources quickly, efficiently, and reliably.

"We never guess what solution someone needs; instead, they tell us their needs—and we give them the best resources and platform to support those needs," said Mike Hutchings, CEO of Combined Arms.

"This is the mindset we all have at Combined Arms—we listen to the client (Veteran) first, and find a solution to support them," added Alexa Petty, North Texas partnership development manager.

**This client-focused approach ensures that every connection is meaningful, timely, and tailored to the individual's unique circumstances.**



*The Texas Veterans Network is the organization's flagship program.*

A highlight of Combined Arms' work is the Texas Veterans Network (TVN), its flagship program. Launched in 2020 with funding from the Texas Workforce Commission, **TVN has grown into a statewide network of more than 350 organizations and state agencies, offering over 1,200 unique resources.** Since its inception, the program has connected more than 85,000 Veterans and family members to free services—making Texas the first interconnected state for the military-connected community. Headquartered in Houston, Combined Arms now partners with nationwide organizations and agencies to ensure that Veterans and military families have access to the resources they need, regardless of location.

In addition to connecting Veterans to services, Combined Arms is committed to increasing Veteran and military spouse employment and retention. The organization develops strategic partnerships with corporations, and collaborates with local and federal agencies to amplify Veteran hiring initiatives. It also promotes community integration and family support through tailored outreach activities designed to strengthen the bonds among Veterans, their families, and the communities where they live.

**Volunteer opportunities with Combined Arms vary by region, and donations directly support expanding programs and services. Veterans, military families, and community supporters can learn more, volunteer, or donate by visiting [combinedarms.us](https://combinedarms.us).**

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MVO TASK FORCE GIVING GUIDE.

**THE SEASON OF GIVING: COMING SOON FROM NVBDC**

For many of our Task Force partners, the months leading into the holidays are when the need for donations, sponsors, and volunteers is felt most deeply. **What better way to help our member organizations bring support to those in need than through the MVO Task Force Giving Guide?**

**This November, our monthly Connect newsletter will be replaced with a special directory-style charitable Giving Guide** featuring profiles of the incredible member organizations in our MVO Task Force network. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved!

Whether you're seeking a meaningful holiday gift, like donating on behalf of a Veteran in your life or supporting a Veteran-aligned cause, or are planning ahead to make an impact this season, the Giving Guide makes it easy to support causes that matter. With direct links to donate, volunteer, or sponsor, it's your one-stop resource for spreading generosity.

**Keep an eye on your inbox in early November—this is one resource you won't want to miss!**



**Questions? Contact Kathy Poynton at (703) 282-6862 or [kpoynton@nvbdc.org](mailto:kpoynton@nvbdc.org).**



**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: NVBDC NATIONAL VETERAN BUSINESS MATCHMAKING CONFERENCE & VETERAN MARKETPLACE 2025**

Time is running out to join top corporate leaders, procurement professionals, and the nation's most successful certified service-disabled and Veteran-owned businesses for two days of networking, learning, and growth. **Occurring October 29–30 at the Marriott Spartanburg in South Carolina, this signature event is your chance to connect with the biggest players in Veteran business development.**

More than 500 attendees will engage in keynote presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions that provide insights on procurement, emerging business opportunities, and strategies for success—including **fireside chats with top companies like Stellantis and Sonoco**. There will be a panel discussion on export opportunities hosted by the International Trade Administration for SD/VOBs looking to take their business globally. Visit 50+ exhibitor booths and participate in the 200+ one-on-one matchmaking meetings, creating direct connections with corporate procurement professionals and decision-makers.

This year's event will also honor achievement through the NVBDC National Awards, recognizing outstanding Veteran business owners, corporate advocates, and resource partners for their contributions to the Veteran business community.

**Register now, as space is limited!** Don't miss this chance to expand your network, grow your business, and celebrate Veteran entrepreneurship in a vibrant, action-packed environment!

**Register today, secure your hotel accommodations, and download the full agenda at [nvbdc.org/events](http://nvbdc.org/events).**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### REGISTER TODAY: UPCOMING GLOBAL EVENTS

- **Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting (AUSA)**  
Oct. 13–15, 2025
- **Exporting Innovation: U.S. Composites in Advanced Manufacturing, Defense & Automotive**  
Oct. 14, 2025
- **Using Incoterms to Grow and Protect Your Rural Export Business**  
Oct. 16, 2025
- **Global Business Opportunities at CES 2026**  
Oct. 16, 2025
- **U.S. Pavilion at Expo Agua Peru**  
Oct. 16–18, 2025
- **Automation at the Frontier of the Manufacturing Industry**  
Oct. 21, 2025
- **Critical Mineral and Mining Projects in Peru: Opportunities for U.S. Businesses**  
Oct. 28, 2025

See pages 8-9 for a complete list of upcoming October-November events. Full details and registration links will be available on the new **NVBDC Global Initiatives Calendar**: [nvbdc.org/global-events](http://nvbdc.org/global-events)

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## NVBDC SPONSORS ITA'S MANUFACTURING MONTH: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES



## Manufacturing Month

October marks **Manufacturing Month**, a nationwide initiative led by the **International Trade Administration (ITA)** to celebrate the vital role of manufacturing in America's economy, and to highlight the opportunities available for businesses of all sizes in the global marketplace. As part of our mission to expand resources and opportunities for Veteran entrepreneurs, the **National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)** is proud to sponsor this important initiative.

Manufacturing has long been the backbone of U.S. economic strength, supporting millions of jobs and fueling innovation across every sector. For Veteran-owned businesses, the sector represents a unique opportunity to leverage leadership, problem-solving skills, and adaptability—qualities that align perfectly with manufacturing's demands. Through ITA's Manufacturing Month, companies gain access to resources that promote growth, export readiness, and international expansion.

NVBDC's sponsorship underscores our commitment to positioning **service-disabled and Veteran-owned businesses** at the forefront of global trade and supply chain development. By aligning with ITA, we are creating direct pathways for certified Veteran businesses to connect with government agencies, procurement professionals, and international trade experts. This collaboration complements NVBDC's broader **Global Initiatives Campaign, which provides directional access to resource partners such as ITA, EXIM Bank, SBA, and the Global Chamber.**

In addition to nationwide events hosted by ITA, NVBDC will be promoting Manufacturing Month across our new **Global Initiatives Calendar**—a centralized hub that highlights international opportunities, training sessions, and partner events. By leveraging this platform, certified Veteran-owned businesses can more easily access manufacturing-related workshops, networking sessions, and tools that support long-term success.

**"Manufacturing Month represents more than recognition—it's about action,"** said Kathy Poynton, NVBDC's Military & Veteran Organization Task Force Director. "By sponsoring ITA's initiative, NVBDC is helping our certified Veteran-owned businesses tap into a global ecosystem of opportunities that can transform their companies and create sustainable growth."

As the only third-party Veteran business certification organization recognized by America's leading corporations, NVBDC is uniquely positioned to ensure that certified Veterans not only gain visibility, but also thrive in competitive industries such as manufacturing. Our partnership with ITA reinforces this commitment, giving Veterans the tools, training, and international connections needed to compete at the highest level.

This October, we invite all our certified Veteran business owners—and those considering certification—to take advantage of **Manufacturing Month** resources and events.



**YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY IN MANUFACTURING  
AND GLOBAL TRADE IS WAITING.**

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## OCTOBER

### 1: Manufacturing Month Kick-Off: Navigating Export Resources for U.S. Manufacturers

International Trade Administration

### Navigating Trade Costs for U.S. Exporters: Strategies, Tools & Compliance

International Trade Administration

### Advanced Manufacturing Coffee Chat Asia (Japan, Singapore, Indonesia)

International Trade Administration

### 2: Monthly HRVCC Members Meeting Conroe FOB

Houston Regional Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### Manufacturing Financial Resources Panel – Tips & Best Practices

International Trade Administration

### Data-Driven Disaster Risk Reduction Showcase at RISON 2025 (Tokyo, Japan)

International Trade Administration

### Creating a Capability Statement That Wins Contracts

MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### Michigan Boots to Business Reboot

VetBizCentral

### 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.

### 7: Unlock Global Opportunities: A Seminar on Expanding International Sales through Foreign Military Sales (FMS)

International Trade Administration

### Building Local, Selling Global: Foreign Direct Investment and Supplier Support to Boost U.S. Exports

International Trade Administration

### Ventures Program: Fall 2025 Kick-off

NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### The Harvest Job Fair

Texas Veterans Commission & Workforce Solutions

### Michigan Army/Air National Guard Entrepreneurship Training

VetBizCentral

### 7-10: The MSV International Industrial Fair (Czech Republic)

International Trade Administration

### 8: Digital Solutions for the Automotive Manufacturing Industry

International Trade Administration

### Advanced Manufacturing in Australia: The Maritime & Defense Sector Opportunity for U.S. Companies

International Trade Administration

### Master LinkedIn with the ACE Framework

The Rosie Network



### 9: Manufacturing Finance – A Deeper Dive Into Lending Programs

International Trade Administration

### Digital Strategies for Rural Export Success

International Trade Administration

### Cost Assessment Checklist: Understanding Your True Business Expenses

MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### Michigan Boots to Business Reboot

VetBizCentral

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

Hope for the Warriors

### 13-15: Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting

AUSA (ITA / NVBDC attending)

### 14: Effective Lead Generation Strategies

DeltaPoint Partners / DFW

Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### Exporting Innovation: U.S. Composites in Advanced Manufacturing, Defense & Automotive

International Trade Administration

### 15: Business & Bullets Chamber Circle

DFW Veterans Chamber of Commerce

### Digital Solutions for the Biomanufacturing Industry

International Trade Administration

### Marketing 201 for Small Businesses

VetBizCentral

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, OR ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FEATURING YOUR ORGANIZATION IN A FUTURE ISSUE? WE WELCOME YOUR UPDATES AND INTEREST.

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# OCTOBER Continued

**16: From Policy to Practice: Building a Practical Export Compliance Program – Turning Your EMCP Manual Into Actionable Procedures**

International Trade Administration

**Global Business Opportunities at CES 2026**

International Trade Administration

**Using Incoterms to Grow & Protect Your Rural Export Business**

International Trade Administration

**Business Health Assessment: Are You NVSBW-Ready?**

MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**Meridian Vet-Working (The OG)**

Veteran Entrepreneur Alliance

**16-18: U.S. Pavilion at Expo Agua Peru**

International Trade Administration

**18: Fall Harvest Festival**

Central Penn College

**Autumn Fest**

Patriot Hills of NY

**21: Automation at the Frontier of the Manufacturing Industry**

International Trade Administration

**Export Documentation Awareness Training**

International Trade Administration

**Navigating Trade: The Benefits of Free Trade Zones**

International Trade Administration

**Indiana Army/Air National Guard Entrepreneurship Training**

VetBizCentral

**22: Mastering International Distributor Success Seminar**

International Trade Administration

**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 Stakeholders Conference**

Farmer Veteran Coalition

**28: Critical Mineral & Mining Projects in Peru: Opportunities for U.S. Businesses**

International Trade Administration

**29-30: National Veteran Business Matchmaking Conference & Veteran Marketplace 2025**

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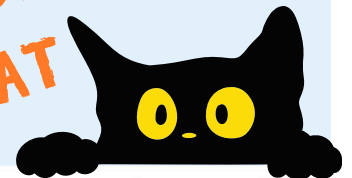
**30: ACM's Aerospace Alley® Tradeshow**

International Trade Administration

**Small Business Holiday Marketing Campaigns**

MA Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**TRICK OR TREAT**



# NOVEMBER

**6: 2025 Bunker Bites**

Coffee Bunker

**2nd Annual Veterans Business Awards Dinner**

Houston Regional Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**Monthly HRVCC Members Meeting Conroe FOB**

Houston Regional Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**3rd Annual Awards Dinner**

ID Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**Uniting in Service: Military Thriving**

Charlotte  
Zeromils

**7: 8th Annual Veterans Day Golf Benefit**

Links to Freedom Foundation

**18: Generating Future Revenue Requires a Systematic Approach Webinar**

DeltaPoint Partners / DFW Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**19: Business & Bullets Chamber Circle**

DFW Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**20: Meridian Vet-Working (The OG)**

Veteran Entrepreneur Alliance



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WEBINAR  
TRUIST**

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 10.23.25 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET



**FARMER VETERAN COALITION  
STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 26 - 28, 2025**



**SAVE THE DATE**



**WACO**

Emerging Trends, in Food, Agriculture, and Health

What are empty seats costing your business?

**FOUNDERS ASCEND**  
 The Hidden Cost of Being Understaffed and How a Skills-First Concierge Can Help

[founderscooperative.org/founders-ascend](https://founderscooperative.org/founders-ascend)

**Sip and Learn: Virtual Workshop Series**

**Creating a Capability Statement that Wins Contracts**  
 Prepare key documents for government and corporate contracting opportunities

**Thursday - October 2, 2025**  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. EST  
 Live on Zoom  
 Cost: \$29.00

**MassVCC Massachusetts Military-Connected businesses**  
 Save 75% use coupon code: NVSBW2025

Join Lisa Ducharme, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Veterans Chamber of Commerce, for an interactive and action-oriented virtual workshop series crafted to include use of AI tools!

**WEBINAR**

**HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS**

**JOHN TAYLOR**  
NVBDC BOARD MEMBER AND DIRECTOR OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DAVID COSTELLO**  
TEAM LEADER, VEHICLES TEAM, UN PROCUREMENT DIVISION

**MIKA KITAGAMI**  
CHIEF OF VENDOR REGISTRATION & OUTREACH, UN OFFICE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

HEAR DIRECTLY FROM UN PROCUREMENT LEADERS ON VENDOR REGISTRATION, GLOBAL CONTRACTING, AND HOW VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES CAN COMPETE INTERNATIONALLY.

**13 NOVEMBER, 2025 11:00AM - 12:30PM**

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO EXPAND YOUR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ONTO THE GLOBAL STAGE!

REGISTER AT: [NVBDC.ORG/EVENTS](https://NVBDC.ORG/EVENTS)

**AUSA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION**  
 13-15 OCTOBER | WASHINGTON, DC

**AT AUSA? ARE YOU A VETERAN BUSINESS OWNER? LET'S TALK BUSINESS.**

**JOHN OLESON**  
NVBDC OFFICER

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NVBDC BOARD MEMBER & DIR. MVD TASK FORCE

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