



## Resources for Veteran Entrepreneurs

Below is a sampling of the many resources that are available to veteran entrepreneurs on the national as well as local and regional levels. These resources can often help veteran entrepreneurs with drafting business plans, obtaining financing, finding employment or hiring workers, and other business-related needs. While we believe these resources may be beneficial to your efforts, we cannot verify the quality of these resources nor guarantee that they will be able to assist you.

### National Resources for Veteran Entrepreneurs

- 1. Joining Forces:** a nationwide initiative put forth by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden for service members, veterans, and their families to assist with employment opportunities, as well as other resources.
  - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces>
- 2. eBenefits:** a portal run by the Veterans Administration (VA) that serves as a central location for veterans, service members, and their families to access and manage benefits and personal information. The site contains a Veterans Employment Center.
  - <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>
- 3. The Veteran Entrepreneur Portal (VEP):** a partnership between the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs and BusinessUSA, VEP is designed to assist veteran-owned small businesses in accessing information regarding every aspect of entrepreneurship.
  - <http://www.va.gov/osdbu/entrepreneur/>
- 4. Monster.com:** The well-known job search engine has a special site for veteran job-seekers (and employers).
  - <http://hiring.monster.com/hr/hr-best-practices/recruiting-hiring-advice/strategic-workforce-planning/veteran-employment-resources.aspx>
- 5. Boots to Business: Reboot:** a program of the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University that is intended to introduce and train transitioning service members to business ownership.
  - <http://boots2business.org/>
- 6. Veteranscorp.org:** a clearinghouse for ideas and information useful to veteran-owned small businesses.
  - <http://www.veteranscorp.org/>
- 7. Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Resources for Veterans:** The SBA has certain resources designated specifically for military veteran small business owners and entrepreneurs.
  - <https://www.sba.gov/content/veteran-service-disabled-veteran-owned>
- 8. Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) VetBiz website:** provides information about certification of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs), which permits businesses to participate in the VA's Veterans First Contracting Program and receive eligibility for VA contract set-asides.
  - <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>



## **Regional and Local Resources for Veteran Entrepreneurs**

- 1. Small Business Administration (SBA), Massachusetts District Office:** provides free education, training, and business counseling for small business owners and entrepreneurs, including special programming for veterans.
  - <http://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/districtoffices>
  - 10 Causeway Street, Room 265, Boston, MA 02222, 617-565-5590
- 2. Massachusetts Small Business Development Center (MSBDC):** another program of the SBA that provides resources, including help with business plans, for small business owners and entrepreneurs in Boston.
  - <http://www.sbdc.umb.edu/>
  - University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Wheatley Hall, 3rd Floor, Suite 154-10, Boston, MA 02125, 617-287-7750
- 3. SCORE:** yet another program of the SBA, SCORE matches entrepreneurs with seasoned business executives for free, confidential business counseling, mentorship, and advice on all aspects of business development.
  - <https://boston.score.org/chapters/boston-score>
  - 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222, 617-565-5591
- 4. North East Veterans Business Resource Center (NEVBRC):** Funded in part by the SBA, NEVBRC runs a full-service business center that helps with marketing, employees, taxes, funding strategies, mentoring, and other business matters.
  - <http://www.nevbrc.org/resources/>
  - NEVBRC Training Facility, 360 Merrimack Street Suite 209, Lawrence, MA 01843 617-938-3933
- 5. Veteran Entrepreneurship Training and Resource Network (VETRN):** a Boston-based entrepreneurship training program at Northeastern University that provides veterans and family members the opportunity to attend a program in entrepreneurship at the Northeastern University School of Business and provide skills, resources, networking, and mentorship to help those veterans launch or grow a small business, free of charge.
  - <http://www.vetrn.org/>
- 6. Veterans' Business Owners Initiative:** a group of organizations and programs to assist veterans with developing and managing their own successful businesses.
  - <http://www.veteranbusinessowners.org/>
  - "Business Gym" classes are held at the Boston VA on Tuesdays from 11am to 12pm, 251 Causeway Street Room 355, Boston, MA 02222
- 7. Center for Women and Enterprise (CWE):** Funded in part by the SBA, CWE assist women entrepreneurs with a myriad of resources
  - <http://www.cweonline.org/>
  - 24 School St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, 617-536-0700