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Building a Lasting Legacy: Crafting a Business with Purpose and Impact



Fellow Veteran Business Owners,

When I started Dobbs Defense Solutions six years ago, I discovered what you might already know: the path of an SDVOSB owner can feel isolating. But I also discovered something invaluable—no organization supports your dreams and aspirations like NVSBC. As both a business owner and NVSBC Board Member, I've experienced firsthand how this remarkable community transforms veteran entrepreneurs' dreams into lasting legacies.

In today's federal contracting landscape, particularly with Category Management, having a strong support network isn't just helpful—it's essential. NVSBC became my compass, offering guidance when challenges seemed overwhelming and celebrating victories when

opportunities turned into success stories. This is where veteran businesses find their true allies, mentors, and often, lifelong friends.

Want to know the real secret to building a lasting legacy? It's not just about winning contracts—it's about joining forces with fellow veterans who understand your journey. At our monthly Communities of Interest Engagement events—whether over breakfast, lunch, or dinner—you'll find veterans just like you, ready to share insights, open doors, and help your business thrive.

I've seen countless veteran entrepreneurs walk into their first NVSBC event feeling uncertain and emerge with renewed purpose and practical strategies for success. Our upcoming VETS Conference isn't just another networking event—it's your opportunity to connect with federal decision-makers who genuinely want to see veteran businesses succeed. The Veteran Access to Capital Symposium could provide the funding insights to take your business to the next level.

Join NVSBC. We'll help you transform your military skills into business success. Together, we'll build thriving service-disabled veteranowned small businesses and create

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inspiring legacies for future veteran entrepreneurs. No one supports your SDVOSB dream like NVSBC

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Around the NVSBC

Welcome New & Renewed Member Organizations

New Members

Apiary Medical BackOfficeVets Black Fox Blackberg Group **Bumpers Trucking LLC** Cetechs CriticalWave Energy Solutions Davis Strategic Innovations (DSI) Farfield Systems Inc Forward Engineering LLC **Grace & Associates LLC** ideal Printing, Promos & Wearables, Inc. JBN Corporation Kaizen Soft Solutions LLC **Knot Technology Solutions** KSA Integration LLC Logos BZ LLC Marieke Consulting, Inc. MIG GOV LLC NATIONAL CONSULTING PARTNERS. LLC

Nbits Analytics
NorthStar Consulting Group
OpenVu
Patrick Miller Construction, Inc.
Patriot Strategies, LLC
Redwolf Consulting Partners LLC
RLO Rise LLC
Sentinel Technologies LLC
The Joachim Group
The Silverback Troop, LLC
TTG Solutions Inc.
Veloz IT Solutions LLC
Vikint Inc.
Walker Training and Consulting
Warrior Solutions LLC

The National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC) offers 7 types of organization membership that support our mission and serve our constituents. If you have any questions about membership, please contact members@nvsbc.org. Click on the "Join NVSBC Today" button below and begin receiving access to the benefits of NVSBC membership.

Renewed Members

42 United Government Services, LLC Acquisition Experts, LLC Amazon.com Services LLC **Bancroft Capital** Battelle BDR Solutions, LLC Blue Guardian IT Professional Services Blue Phoenix **Burton Group Enterprises CACI International Inc** Caladwich Consulting Centrifugal Energy Ilc. CGH Global, LLC **Civility Management Solutions Code of Support Foundation** Corps Medical Supply Cruzer LLC **Dean& Associates LLC** Dunlap Bennett and Ludwig, PLLC **DuraBante LLC** Dynamic Government Resources, LLC Dynamic Integrated Services, LLC **Dynamic Service Integration Corp** Eleven09, LLC **Enabled Advisors LLC** Engineering Services Network, Inc FlexTech Solutions, LLC Fluor

GCC Technologies, LLC Holocom Inc. IQ Sig LLC JDM Associates **KDG Support LLC** King Consulting Engineering Krilla Kaleiwahea Native Hawaiian Organization LEDE2 CONSULTING, LLC Management Support Technology Inc. (MSTI) **MBL** Technologies **Ortho Clinical Diagnostics** Parrot Surety Services LLC Plexsum Staffing Solutions, Inc. Prometheus Federal Services QED Enterprises, Inc. Reaves GovCon Group **SAG Corporation** SDV Office Systems, LLC **Solvet Services** Spartan Shield Solutions Symmacore Task Force Labor Technical & Project Engineering, LLC (TAPE) TEVET, LLC TJFACT, LLC **Universal Security LLC VENTUS Solutions** Veterans Management Services, Inc Veterans4You



Z-TECH Solutions, LLC

Engagement Meetings

NVSBC hosted the Huntsville Engagement Lunch on 23 Jan 2025









NVSBC hosted the San Diego Engagement Dinner on 30 Jan 2025









Engagement Meetings

NVSBC hosted the DC Metro Engagement Dinner + VetFedAcademy on 15 Jan 2025









NVSBC hosted the Dayton Engagement Lunch on 14 Jan 2025









Calls to Action

February 2025

DC METRO ENGAGEMENT DINNER DC METRO ENGAGEMENT DINNER **& VETFEDACADEMY**

WED | FEB 12 | 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET

HAMPTON ROADS ENGAGEMENT **LUNCH**

THR | FEB 20 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET

TAMPA ENGAGEMENT DINNER

TUE | FEB 25 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET

March 2025

& VETFEDACADEMY

WED | MAR 12 | 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET

SAN ANTONIO ENGAGEMENT **DINNER**

WED | MAR 26 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM CT

VETERAN ACCESS TO CAPITAL SYMPOSIUM

Mon | Mar 17 | 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM ET

Communities of Interest



February/March Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 2025

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MARCH 2025

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Engagement Events Charlie Mike Conferences Special Events Federal Holidays

Click on Event Dates to Link to Online Information.

NVSBC Training Corner

What is the Veterans Access to Capital Symposium

Attending the NVSBC's Veteran Access to Capital Symposium is a great opportunity for businesses, particularly those in the government contracting (GovCon) space, to gain valuable insights and access to financial resources that can help fuel growth and success. Here's why it's worth attending:

- 1. **Networking Opportunities:** You'll meet a wide range of key players in the government contracting industry— from financial institutions to government agencies, and potential partners. This can open doors for future business collaborations, funding, and opportunities.
- 2. Access to Funding Sources: The symposium includes sessions and panels with financial experts who can discuss various funding options (e.g., start-up steady-state, growth, capital). It's a chance to explore the best financial resources tailored to the needs of your business.
- 3. Insights into Industry Trends: You'll hear from financial representatives and industry leaders about emerging trends in the capital landscape.

- 4. **Workshops and Education:** The educational sessions can enhance your understanding of financing options, improving your ability to secure capital and grow your business.
- 5. **1-on-1 Matchmaking:** Our matchmaking event features financial experts (e.g banking institutions) who can provide practical advice and insights on various forms of capital and banking programs.

If you are seeking to expand your reach and enhance your capital-raising strategy, the symposium is a great venue to attend. Can't attend live and in-person, well we have a virtual option that is perfect for you!

Check out our website to learn more and register for our event:

Veteran Access to Capital Symposium



Marie Myszkier is the Director of Training at NVSBC



NVSBC Training Corner (cont)

What is VetFedConsult and How Can it Help Me?

VetFedConsult is a unique program offered by the National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC) to its members. It provides free business development consulting from a team of seasoned consultants who specialize in the government contracting (GovCon) marketplace

The program is designed to support veteran-owned small businesses at any stage of their development, whether they are emerging, small, or mid-size. The consultants offer personalized advice, training, and strategies to help these businesses succeed in the federal market

Key benefits of VetFedConsult include:

- One-on-one training and consultation:
 Personalized approach to achieve your business goals.
- Networking opportunities: Build relationships with key stakeholders and increase your visibility.
- Advocacy: Consultants actively engage in activities that support and promote small businesses

Additional questions you may have!

- Who is it for? VetFedConsult is designed for veteranowned small businesses that are members of the National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC). It aims to support these businesses in navigating the federal marketplace.
- 2. Why should you book a consult? Booking a consult with VetFedConsult provides access to experienced consultants who specialize in government contracting. They offer personalized business development strategies, training, and networking opportunities to help your business thrive in the federal market.
- 3. How does the process work? The process typically involves an initial consultation to understand your business needs and goals. Simply fill out a lead form. From there, we will acknowledge you by sending you an email with detail instructions on submitting additional information and booking your first appointment. Consultants provide tailored advice and strategies, ongoing support, and resources to help you succeed in the GovCon landscape.

- 4. Is it unlimited consultations? VetFedConsult offers free consultations to its members, but the specifics regarding the number of consultations may vary. We have a series of programs to explore from "becoming procurement ready" to "SAM. GOV basic" which includes 24 different program areas to explore. It's best to check directly with VetFedConsult for detailed information on consultation limits. (Contact Us)
- 5. What is out of our scope regarding VetFedConsult? While VetFedConsult provides extensive support in business development and government contracting, it may not cover areas outside of these scopes, such as non-business-related legal advice or personal financial planning. Nevertheless, we have great service providers who are connected to NVSBC that we may refer you to.
- 6. What happens after the consultation? After the consultation, you will receive support and training information, and a personalized strategy and action plan tailored to your business needs. The consultants will continue to provide support and follow-up to ensure you are on track to achieve your goals.
- 7. **Do I have to be a member to use VetFedConsult?**No, you don't need to be a member of the National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC) to access the services provided by VetFedConsult.

References

[1] VetFedConsult - National Veteran Small Business Coalition - nvsbc.org

[2] VFC FAQ's - National Veteran Small Business Coalition - nvsbc.org



John Cochran is the Consulting Manager at NVSBC

Other Events

February 2025 Partnership Deals

NVSBC member organizations can take advantage of benefits where NVSBC has created partnerships that bring value to your business. If you would like NVSBC to consider a partnership with your business, please contact members@nvsbc.org with respective details.

Featured Partner Deal

NVSBC is pleased to welcome <u>Fluet</u> to our Partner Network. As a veteran-founded, owned, and led law firm, Fluet brings industry-focused legal services with extensive experience in government contracting and the national security, defense, and intelligence space to our partner network offerings. The firm distinguishes itself by applying a business-oriented, holistic approach that delivers comprehensive legal solutions specifically tailored to meet their client's needs and goals.

NVSBC members may now benefit from:

- A complimentary one-hour legal consultation
- An exclusive 10% discount on legal services once Fluet is engaged

NVSBC members: More details on these benefits can be accessed through the Partner Deals page via your <u>VetFedConnect portal</u>.

Fluet's integrated practice groups cover Government Contracts, Corporate + Transactional, International Trade, and Litigation + Investigations, offering veteran business owners and their companies full-service legal support from a team that truly understands their unique challenges and opportunities.

Membership and Sponsorship Supports NVSBC Programs

Did you know that NVSBC is a **non profit organization** that relies on membership and sponsorship to provide our programs and services? **If you benefit from our Training, Networking, and Advocacy, join the coalition or sponsor NVSBC today and strengthen our voice!**

Other Events (cont)

Federal Procurement Events

Grow your business through events provided by agencies within the Federal government including outreach, matchmaking, networking, training, and additional activities. If you have a Federal Procurement Event you'd like NVSBC to consider adding to this page, please contact members@nvsbc.org with respective details.

Member Spotlight

NVSBC Members, share your recent govcon successes with us! We want to celebrate your achievements from the past 6 months, such as awards, public recognition, new contracts, mentor-protégé relationships, new hires (especially veterans), or acquisitions.

Complete this form to let us know about your triumphs at the <u>link here</u>. Your successes inspire our community, and we're excited to highlight them!



Upcoming NVSBC 2025 Events (cont)

Will We See You at VETS25?

Attendee registration, sponsorships, and exhibit booths are now available for the VETS25 Conference, NVSBC's premier annual event for Veteran-owned and other small businesses serving as federal government contractors (GovCons).

The VETS25 Conference will take place on May 13-16, 2025, in Orlando, Florida. This event is a cornerstone in the federal government contracting industry, offering unparalleled opportunities for visibility and engagement.

By sponsoring or exhibiting at VETS25, you'll have the chance to:

- Promote your organization to key players in the federal contracting space
- Support training, networking, and advocacy for Veteran small business entrepreneurs

- Showcase your products or services in the largest exhibit hall in your industry
- Contribute to the "Knowledge for Growth" of the Veteran small business community
- Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your organization and support the Veteran small business community. Spaces are limited, so act now to ensure your presence at this impactful event.

We look forward to your participation in making VETS25 a success!

To secure your sponsorship or exhibit booth, please visit the link *here* or below.



Upcoming NVSBC 2025 Events (cont)

NVSBC Golf Tournament Set for August 11, 2025



Announcing the date for our annual NVSBC Education Foundation Charity Golf Tournament for 2025! We'll tee off on Monday, August 11, at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA.

This event has sold out year after year – even after expanding to all three of the Club's courses! Sponsorships will open up at the end of January. Many packages come with golf foursomes and other marketing and visibility benefits!

Mark your calendar and keep watching for golfer registration this spring. We're adding new perks, games, and rules for faster play! All registered golfers will play 18 holes, which includes a shared cart, breakfast, on-course beverages and snacks, a buffet lunch, and sponsored gifts.

Visit the event website for more details.

Upcoming NVSBC 2025 Events

Meet the NVSBC Board of Directors



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