

National Veterans Employment & Education Division



**The National Veterans Employment and Education
Division is currently working on the following:**

HEADLINES

SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

SBA VETERAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

EDUCATION GRANT (LJAF GRANT)

UPCOMING CAREER FAIRS

PREPARING FOR FALL NEC

BILLS & TESTIMONY

*****Note VE&E Division Weekly Reports for the weeks ending August 27th, September 3rd and 10th have been suspended due to National Convention*****

Small Business Advisory Roundtable

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division is working on hosting a Small Business Advisory Taskforce Roundtable on Friday, September 17th, 2021. The purpose is to establish expectations for the taskforce and aim to explore the largest challenges faced today by Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB) and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB).

SBA Veteran Advisory Board Meeting

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division attended a U.S. Small Business Administration Veteran Advisory Board Meeting held during our National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona; some of the administration priorities discussed were to Connect small businesses to the tools they need to recover and rebuild from this once in a generation pandemic, Streamline and automate services so SBA can better serve small businesses, and Focusing on equity and reaching all small businesses across the nation – especially underserved, small, rural, veteran-owned, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses. The Small Business Administration also shared their COVID-19 Relief Efforts:

Paycheck Protection Program

- 11.7 million loans totaling nearly \$800 billion in relief to over 8.5 million small businesses.
- 96% of PPP loans went to small businesses with 20 employees or less.
- PPP Direct Forgiveness Portal launched on Aug. 4. Since then, SBA has received 340,000 submissions from borrowers with loans under \$150,000.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund

- As of June 30, 2021, the RRF program received more than 278,000 eligible applications representing over \$72.2 billion in requested funds.
- Veteran-owned businesses were awarded around \$1 billion in grant awards.
- Approximately 101,000 applicants have been approved and were awarded \$28.6 billion.

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program

- As of August 17, more than 11,000 businesses have been awarded a grant totaling more than \$8.2 billion.
- Application window closed on August 20, but the SBA will soon open the program for supplemental SVGs for 50% of the original award amount, capped at a total of \$10 million.

COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan

- As of August 12, SBA approved 3.8 million EIDL worth \$252 billion.

Targeted EIDL Advance and Supplemental Targeted Advance

- As of August 12, SBA funded more than 347K Targeted Advances worth more than \$2.9 billion.
- As of August 12, SBA funded more than 267K Supplemental Targeted Advances worth more than \$1.3 billion.



Eligibility

- Transitioning or active duty service member
- Veteran of any era
- National Guard or Reserve member
- Military spouse

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
VBOC
VETERAN BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER

VBOCs are a one-stop shop for transition assistance, training, counseling, and resource connections.

Find Help

For B2B and B2B-R visit sbavets.force.com.

For other resources, visit sba.gov/local-assistance; or sba.gov/ovbd to learn more.

The U.S. Small Business Administration empowers veterans, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses at every stage of business ownership.

Starting & Growing Your Business

Receive management expertise through free counseling, training, and entrepreneurial education.

- ★ **Boots to Business (B2B)**
Offered on military installations worldwide, service members and their spouses can learn business ownership fundamentals, analyze the feasibility of a business idea, and tap into SBA services.
- ★ **Boots to Business Reboot (B2B-R)**
Delivers the Boots to Business curriculum to veterans of any era, Reserve and National Guard members, and their spouses in their local communities.
- ★ **Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (WVETP)**
A network of SBA partners deliver small business development support to women service members, veterans, and military spouses. Programs are offered in a variety of formats - from online workshops to hands-on mentorship.
- ★ **Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (SDVETP)**
Receive entrepreneurial training and learn about the tools and resources available specifically for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs).

Pursue federal procurement opportunities and technical assistance.

- ★ **Veteran Federal Procurement Entrepreneurship Training Program (VFPETP)**
Learn how to best position a veteran-owned business to win and retain government contracts through federal procurement training.

Funding Your Business

Gain access to capital at any stage of business through various SBA-backed loan programs.

- ★ **7(a) Loan Program**
Small business loans up to \$5 million for facilities, equipment, inventory, and working capital.
- ★ **504 Certified Development Company Loan Program**
Long-term loans up to \$5 million for real estate and large equipment.
- ★ **Community Advantage Loan Program**
Loans up to \$250,000 for business personal property and working capital.
- ★ **Microloan Program**
Loans up to \$50,000 for working capital.
- ★ **Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**
Loans up to \$2 million for working capital if a National Guard or Reserve small business owner or essential employee is called-up to active duty.

Education (LJAF) Grant

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division is meeting with the Education Counsel to follow up on conversations on drafting of The American Legion's "Future of Veterans Education Oversight" report and to prepare a report that refines and consolidates the background and summary of the National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA) risk-based survey pilot program (RBS).

The American Legion In-Person and Virtual Career Fair

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division is working with Marnie Holder, Director of Hiring Events, Hiring Our Heroes - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation on upcoming Military Bases Career Fairs.

FORT CARSON CAREER SUMMIT

**September 16, 2021
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MST**

VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT: HEALTHCARE

Military community job seekers will meet, network, and interview with regional and national employers at this education and hiring event, presented by Fort Carson.

*Presented by [Hiring our Heroes – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation](#)
[Click Here to Register](#)*

HYBRID CAREER FAIR

**September 22, 2021
In Person: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. MST
Virtual: 12 a.m. - 3 p.m. MST**

VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT: HEALTHCARE

Military community job seekers from around the globe will meet, network, and interview with healthcare industry employers at this interactive virtual hiring event.

*Presented by [The American Legion and Texas Veteran Commission](#)
For In-Person Career Fair: [Click Here to Register](#)
For Virtual Career Fair: [Click Here to Register](#)*

Fall National Executive Committee (NEC)

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division is prepping for Fall NEC to be held on October 4 – 8, 2021. Seven (7) resolutions were recommended for approval during our National Convention to be referred to the National Executive Committee:

1. Support For Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot
2. Mandatory Use of The Veterans First Contracting Program by The Department Of Defense
3. Cybersecurity Protections for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
4. Department Of Defense Issuance for Military Credentialing Programs
5. Gi Bill Risk Based Survey
6. Veteran And Servicemember Financial Protection
7. Women Veterans Homelessness Resource Provisions and Protections

Testimony Bills

The National Veterans Employment and Education Division is working on 18 bills to testify at a legislative hearing before the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on September 21st, 2021.

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| 1. Work Study for Half-Time Students | 10. Homeless Grant Elimination of Matching |
| 2. H.R. 4874 | 11. Eliminate Loan Limitations |
| 3. Repay MGIB 1200 | 12. SSVF Report |
| 4. Death GI Bill Transfer | 13. Homelessness Substance Abuse Pilot |
| 5. Extend FRY After Discharge | 14. Extend VRE Time |
| 6. Increase Homelessness Per Diem | 15. SCRA for Education |
| 7. WARTAC Report | 16. Homelessness Elderly Pilot |
| 8. Student Childcare Voucher | 17. Homelessness Tech Assistance |
| 9. Prohibit CH.35 for HS | 18. Homelessness Extend HVRP |