A six-month incubator that provides coworking space and a peer cohort to help entrepreneurs launch and scale.

OVERVIEW
Veterans in Residence, a partnership of WeWork and Bunker Labs, is an incubator and leadership program that provides entrepreneurial community, business connections, and coworking space to help military veteran and military family member entrepreneurs launch and scale their business.

TARGET AUDIENCE AND OUTCOMES
Veterans in Residence is designed for early-stage entrepreneurs who are looking to start or grow their business and need coworking space and a cohort-based support system.

LOGISTICS
Throughout the first five months, a facilitated weekly huddle provides an opportunity to ask critical questions and, on occasion, learn from expert guest speakers. Cohort members have one additional month of coworking space membership. A capstone event gives entrepreneurs a chance to showcase their work and to make an ask, if they have one, from the community. Some cohorts meet virtually, either entirely or on occasion. Cohorts that are 100 percent virtual may not include coworking space, as determined based on location-specific needs.

GET STARTED
New cohorts start every January and July in locations nationwide. Interested entrepreneurs can find their nearest cohort and apply at bunkerlabs.org/our-programs/veterans-in-residence.
FIND YOUR MISSION, CREATE YOUR LIFE’S WORK

Mother. Father. Leader. Entrepreneur. Veteran. Watch how veterans in the Veterans in Residence powered by Bunker Labs community are finding their next mission after service. Click to watch the videos below.

Finding Your Mission: Randy Sarmiento
Founder & CEO, Eagle 1 CPR

Finding Your Mission: Mike Steadman
Founder & CEO, Ironbound Boxing

Finding Your Mission: Nancy Preston
Founder & CEO, Milk Money Kitchens

Jasmine Czarnecki
Community Lead, WeWork

Graciela Tiscareño-Sato
Founder & CEO, Gracefully Global

Veterans in Residence Spotlight: Kevin Walker
Founder and CEO, Turtlewise
In December 2019, Alex started VendorLoft, which deals with all of the difficult components of running a physical space and helps manage equipment, personnel, communication, and external vendors who fix, maintain, and facilitate operations. He has built a platform to aggregate contacts, equipment history, calendar events, spend analysis, and allows the submission of work requests into a single, access-restricted tool for restaurant owners and GMs.

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VendorLoft - Marine Corps

Christopher Barnes
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Heavenly & Handy, LLC - Navy

After 8 years in the United States Navy, Christopher Barnes worked in health care and left to start his own landscaping business in 2018. His future goals are to scale and grow operations throughout Atlanta.

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Vets2industry, LLC - Air Force

Brian Arrington spent 20 years in the Air Force in security consultation and execution as well as communication instruction. In 2019, his last year of service, he founded Vets2Industry LLC and VETS2INDUSTRY Foundation Inc the following year. He is now taking the success of his non-profit and building the LLC to support the employment of military members and their families after they have received free mentorship in branding, value proposition, and interviewing.

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Razor Edge Painting - Marine Corps

After four years in service, Rob Doherty found a passion for painting and launched his company Razor Edge painting. He is now working on generating a steady work flow for the year while building his crew.

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Tat Tod Sweet Spot - Navy

Natascha launched Tat Tod Sweet Spot, which is a boutique bakery and catering company. She is currently seeking a warehouse space or store front to better sell her food.

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One Point Ballistics - Air Force

After serving 4 years in the Air Force, Rhoni resigned and went on to start her company One Point Ballistics.

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Brett Stroney is beginning to pursue his small business aspirations with the right support and assistance.

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COLD Studio & CALM Collective - Air Force

Corban Lundborg is the founder of CALM Collective and COLD Studio. He creates a variety of media, including movies, online content, tattoos, and murals around the city as well as being deployed as a combat photojournalist.
AUSTIN

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In 2019, Louie Minor took over the family construction company and, in 2017, founded Foedera. His goal is to provide a one-stop comparison shopping experience in a fragmented market.

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Starr Corbin is the co-founder of Corbin Solutions Group, which is a boutique technology advisory firm.

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Five Stars Analytics, LLC - Army

Monica Harwig officially launched her business, Five Stars Analytics LLC, in January 2019. Her business assists other businesses that may have a problem in the areas of marketing analytics, database solutions, and developing data driven business processes.

CHARMANE SELRRS
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ALEON Properties, Inc. - Air Force

Charmane Selrrs founded the construction company ALEON Properties, Inc. Her goal is to become one of the top 100% Veteran-Owned/Woman-Owned construction companies in the country.

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Raul teaches online editing lessons and is a freelance photographer. He hopes to make premium content online and sell photography courses while running a freelance commercial photography and videography business.

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PTFWG, LLC dba Pretty Thai® - Air Force

Robert Strong started his food truck Pretty Thai For A White Guy in January 2013, pivoting to a CPG Brand, Pretty Thai® in 2015. He provides completely all-natural, culinary sauces, and spices to the consumer, providing them with better food options.

ANDREW MARR
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Through his non-profit organization, BrainCARE, Andrew Marr has developed a diagnosis and treatment protocol that is proven to be more effective than the traditional methods of treating traumatic brain injury (TBI).

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Heartland Water - Air Force

Tuere Ingram founded Heartland Water, which is a family, minority veteran-owned alkaline water company based in Texas. They use BPA-Free bottles and their aquifer is locally-owned and operated.
After ten years on active duty, Melissa Adamski transitioned to the Army Reserve and full-time consulting. After multiple moves as a military spouse, while juggling her Army Reserve and consulting career and raising two children, she is starting her own company to address task management needs for busy families, while also providing flexible employment.

Mike Gothie has developed a product that solves the problem of individual consumers and businesses having their personal or private data being collected and sold by data companies in the advertising industry without their explicit consent or understanding.

Matt Rafeld created the Stowaway Door for Jeep Wranglers. After validating the product idea and patenting the IP, he is now working to launch his business to help jeep owners enjoy the freedom provided by a Jeep without the annoyances and hazards of inclement weather.

Pablo Timpson is a US Marine Corps veteran with a Master of Science in Enterprise Risk Management from New York University. He has a vision to supply veterans in need with online financial education, counsel and planning.

Brian Elliott founded Raise, which is a software suite that enables companies to provide their employees pre-tax giving accounts for social causes they care about. Companies can align their philanthropic efforts with the causes chosen by the employees. Raise digitally groups employees with similar social impact causes, shifting the company from a work place to a community.

During his career as the Director of Internal Operations at RedOwl Analytics, John helped launch the African Leadership University School of Business. He is now building a platform to educate and assist veteran small business owners with the process of transitioning the business they built to the next generation so that they can retire with the dignity and comfort they deserve.
CHICAGO

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Voracity, LLC - Navy

After seven years in the Navy, Albert Su worked as a senior malware analyst for SAIC. As a contractor with previous cyber security experience, Albert decided to pursue a doctorate in information technology (DIT) specializing in brain-inspired artificial intelligence (AI). As market demand for this technology increased, Albert opened a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) in which brain-inspired artificial intelligence (AI) help solve healthcare problems by aiding doctors in predictive analytics and risk scoring.

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Wheeler-Wilkins, LLC - Marine Corps

Raleigh is creating a program to provide a transition from active duty to a career in professional sales while providing a new source of certified pre-onboarded business development candidates to Chicago-area businesses through his innovative and game-changing Sales Platoon program.

JEFF BRANHAM
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MyFitLink, Inc. - Air Force

Jeff has launched a profitable company in the health and wellness space around a reimagined networking experience concept called “The Happiest Hour”. The company builds custom, bespoke wellness experience events and packages for clients as well as handles the workflow from end-to-end as their concierge. He takes the entire time, resource, and creative burden off of the client’s plate and delivers an end-to-end wellness experience providing fitness, food, and fellowship.

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The Cyber Guru - Army

After years in the Army Reserves and working in technology including, Aerospace, Software, and Cybersecurity, Jarvis decided to start his own business consulting and training firm where he has had the pleasure of running the only minority-owned and operated 16-week cybersecurity bootcamp known as Zero2Cyber. Jarvis also offers in-person training and for cybersecurity including CompTIA Security+, CISSP, and CISM.

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JTW Consulting, LLC - Marine Corps

Justin has been working in business operations for a variety of companies for the last 9+ years. He is highly skilled in identifying operational improvement opportunities through data analysis, developing KPIs to track real business impacts, and creating unique solutions to difficult problems utilizing Lean methodologies. He is looking for new opportunities to explore different markets and help small business with whatever challenges they face.

MIGUEL GUEVARA
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MG3 Healthcare Solutions, LLC - Air Force

Miguel Guevara founded MG3 Healthcare Solutions to provide consulting services, where he helps clients improve clinical and financial outcomes and assists healthcare organizations to be prepared for emergencies and sustain operations during crisis.

SHARON DUFFY
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Stock Trend Spotter, LLC - Military Spouse

Sharon Duffy launched Stock Trend Spotter, LLC with the mission to help individual investors make money in the stock market. She developed an application that analyzes every stock on the NYSE and NASDAQ daily and provides information on trending stock. This allows individuals searching for trending stocks to have a one stop shop source so that they know what to buy, when to buy, and when to sell.

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Zarobsky Enterprise, LLC dba Son Set Charter Fishing - Military Spouse

During 18 years in the Navy, Jeff Zarobsky has worked as a leader in a great variety of positions. After three successful years of his personal small business endeavors, he is now seeking to gain knowledge to take steps to move his business to a larger scale and begin to employ our nation’s veterans.
DALLAS-FORT WORTH

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Following his departure from the Marine Corps after 13 years on active duty as a Gunnery Sergeant, Ursheil spent the next 9 years continuing his service as a pastor and missionary in the US and in places like Brazil, Mexico, and Italy. After several years in financial services, Ursheil launched a VC firm focused on a strategy called “collaborative capitalism,” where businesses were funded with non-recourse, revenue-based financing. Today, Ursheil is rebranding a non-profit focused on entrepreneurship and building a revenue generating non-profit that will lead a new model of veteran nonprofits and public benefit corporations.

GREG WASHINGTON
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Guards Down - Army

Greg is a dynamic, high energy professional with an intense focus on maximizing the financial performance of joint ventures and partnerships. His goal is to raise awareness for PTSD and grief through cultural engagement, natural products, and innovative experiences with therapy and different treatment options.

STEPHEN COLON
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Knucklehead Media Group - Marine Corps

After spending several years running a corporate wellness service company in Austin and almost ten years in the Marine Corps, Stephen Colon transitioned to the corporate world. He built a sales team for an Ag Tech startup in Austin and scaled the team to 10 AUM/EMMs and a ARR of just over $18M. He created a content/marketing/podcasting business that creates opportunities for workers, brings dead leads to life for clients, and gives the marketplace access to some of the most compelling stories that don’t get gaminized by the traditional ad agency or the entertainment world.

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The ColorPOP Print Studio (Jessica Yanet, LLC) - Air Force

An entrepreneur at heart, Air Force Veteran, Jessica Sanchez, launched the colorPOP print studio in early 2019 after giving up her business following a separation. From t-shirts to business cards to signage, Jessica is eager to help women entrepreneurs with their printing needs.

SIERRA OKOLO
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Army

After resigning her commission as an Army Officer, Sierra Okolo attended graduate school and, subsequently, became a software developer for a mid-sized financial company in Fort Worth, TX. She is now working to grow Proxs, a B2B startup that provides analytics for hospitality software.
Dallas-Fort Worth

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Clara’s Limeade - Air Force

Josh often enjoyed drinking his family’s limeade and talking with his late grandmother. These childhood memories were the inspiration for Clara’s Limeade, which offers a better-tasting natural limeade to the marketplace.

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DataReady - Military Spouse

Angel Durr is launching an app focused on solving the logistical issue of field trip management for both education staff and those with businesses that host trips. This app allows users to search criteria for field trips and get matched with the correct ones that meet their needs. Everything is managed via the app, including parental attendance sign-ups, permission slips, payments, and everything leading up to the actual event.

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SARZAD, LLC - Military Spouse

As an advisor he is documenting an essential guidance for Continuity of Operation by assessing vulnerabilities and provides security consulting, including wide-area and perimeter intrusion detection, threat assessment, vulnerability assessment, and surveillance in order to prevent breach and malicious activity.

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Serac Technology - Marine Corps

Douglas Bauer launched Serac Technology to help businesses make technology decisions that are congruous to their needs and budget.
DENVER

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Parke Products - Navy

In 2018, Zachery Lewis started working on developing solutions to battery performance in cold weather and founded Parke Products. Lewis has developed a patent pending case that regulates the temperature of the device it’s attached to and keeps it within its intended operating temperature range.

FINN WALSH
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Jasper Keys - Navy

After serving for five years in the Navy, Finn Walsh founded Jasper Keys in 2017. He grew the company from a garage into a military housing to a recognizable national brand.

ERIC MILLER
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PIACET - Air Force

As a critical care nurse/paramedic, Eric Miller realized that the difficulty of tracking his required licenses, credentials, and continuing education were becoming nearly impossible with the available tools. He created PIACET to help all professional-licensed individuals ensure they remain compliant.

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Live Your Truth Media - Marine Corps

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While in school pursuing his second degree in electrical engineering, Marquis Moore developed the confidence and skills to create his own inventions. His first invention became his passion and allowed him to provide for himself and his family. Now, he is working diligently on seeking funds to commercialize his device.

MISSY BYRD
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After 5 years serving in the United States Air Force, Missy Byrd decided to retire and begin her dream of working for herself. While serving, she developed a brain tumor that altered the course of her life. After removal of the tumor, she now lives a healthier lifestyle, and it’s her mission to help others do the same.

KEITH SHERRILL
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Haint Blue Brewing Company, LLC - Army

Keith Sherrill founded Haint Blue Brewing Company, which offers high-quality, locally brewed beer.

MIKE BARELA
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Mike, an Army disabled-veteran, spent many of his years working in his family’s bakery business while pursuing a marketing degree and supporting his family. He proudly boasts that it only took him 9.5 years to graduate and attributes this to a single concept: perseverance. After graduation, Mike entered the corporate world at the bottom rung and worked his way up to senior leadership. He eagerly anticipates his next chapter.
Carlton Reid
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DCR Outsourcing, Inc. - Army
Carl served in the Army as a Field Artillery and Nuclear Research Operations Officer before retiring and beginning civilian life. He is the CEO of DCR Outsourcing, Inc. with regional operations based in Michigan, Minnesota, and Texas and is expanding to the National Capital Region. He is working on growing his business by improving marketing and sales processes and increasing revenue.

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Veterans Village of Highland Park - Army
Gregory Morris is an honorably discharged Army Veteran with a Real Estate and Insurance license. He is currently working on a project called Veterans Village of Highland Park, which aims to provide housing, training, and jobs for Veterans.

John Gardner
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After serving twenty-four years of active duty time, John Gardner was hired by Quicken Loans to build and maintain a Veteran Hiring Program. After leaving Quicken Loans, he was named as Wayne County Director of Veterans Services. He is looking to build on business ideas he has that will continue to serve veterans.

Brian Meagher
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BKM and Co., LLC - Air Force
After his time in the Air Force, Brian started his career in professional nonprofit fundraising. Moving back to Michigan after working for Team Rubicon, he started his own consulting agency focused on helping nonprofits scale and successfully fundraise when their operating budgets might not have the capacity for a full-time employee.

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27th Letter Books - Air Force
Erin is applying her autodidact skills as the co-owner of 27th Letter Books—a fledgling community bookstore and audio recording space looking to find its permanent retail home in Detroit. 27th Letter Books will provide a community gathering place centered around literature and will offer new books, provide an audio recording space, and bring literature and arts-based programming to the neighborhood. By bridging the gap between interest and exploration of creative endeavors, Detroiter will be inspired and empowered to write their narrative of success.

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Network Logistical Solutions, LLC - Military Spouse
Valencia is the founder of Network Logistical Solutions LLC. She started a trucking company in January 2014, which was inspired by working for a woman-owned manufacturing company who got started in trucking. Valencia received certification to perform heavy hauling construction trucking. Along the way she realized her passion for numbers, which led her to expand business to include accounting, HR support, and financial analysis for small construction trucking companies. I am working on expanding the opportunity to market accounting and financial services through networking and resource opportunities with VLR.

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VJ enterprises, LLC dba Sweet Potato Delights - Military Spouse
Prior to retirement from the Detroit Health Department, Velonda Anderson created Sweet Potato Delights in 2013 as a cottage law business. In 2016, Sweet Potato Delights became an subsidiary of VJ Enterprises, LLC while manufacturing goods for retail stores. The company currently manufactures vegan snacks and baked goods that are distributed to local retail grocery stores frequented by metro Detroit residents.

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Jonathon Hyde rehabilitates older, delapidated homes in Detroit.
HOUSTON

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Alpha Co. Marketing & Media - Marine Corps

After serving the Marine Corps, Juan Pablo studied business and worked in sales while self-learning digital marketing. He founded Alpha Co. Marketing in 2018, which integrates an in-house marketing team for businesses to be present online and connect with their customers.

Dante' Bickham
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Space City Cartoons - Marine Corps

Dante' served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps infantry. Prior to the military, Dante' was a caricature artist and decided to start his own caricature business after receiving his BFA in graphic and web design. Dante' is now looking to expand his business, Space City Cartoons, and tap into other endeavors with his brand, such as after school art programs.

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Highlander Contracting, LLC - Marine Corps

After twelve years in the Marine Corps, Sergio Zepeda worked in the civil engineering construction industry as a project representative and project manager. He is now scaling his company from local government to state and federal government contracts.

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Army

Kris Mancha served seven years in the United States Army as an infantryman and a Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Since separating in 2014, he has worked in manufacturing in production, supply chain, and business development roles. Kris noticed a large marketing gap in his industry and is kickstarting a targeted sales and marketing firm to fill it.

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Systematic Excellence Consulting - Army

Dr. Janine Suvak developed two award-winning apps for Samsung, published a book on coding, and wrote sales copy before discovering the demand for her skills in developing, troubleshooting, and streamlining operational systems. Suvak and fellow veteran Amalie Shaffer have teamed up in order to help other business owners extract themselves from the day-to-day operations while focusing on scaling their company in the role as leader and visionary. Together, Suvak and Shaffer help businesses troubleshoot and streamline their operations and structure them for sustainable growth.
HOUSTON

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After 6 years in the Marine Corps Reserves, Daniel De Clute-Melancon graduated with his Mechanical Engineering degree and went into the Oil & Gas industry. He is graduating in May 2020 with his MBA and looking to start SkyStations, which will support the Urban Air Mobility industry and help provide a solution to global traffic problems.

GOVIND GAMBHIR
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myCircle - Army

Govind’s work in both military and business intelligence directly influenced his desire to build a comprehensive, data-driven treatment platform that is one-touch-oriented and free. The myCircle platform is designed to bring immediate help, assistance, and resources to the user during their time of need and eliminates as many barriers to reaching out for help as possible through the use of technology.

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24 Hour Signature Services, LLC - Army

Joyce Harris started 24 Hour Signature Services, LLC in September of 2018. She is a mobile loan signing agent and is seeking help with all aspects of the business, especially in the mortgage industry.

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In 2017, YC Lawton was introduced to the transportation industry and is now operating LBSI, a Freight & Transport Solutions company.
Los Angeles

Ken Devine
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Environment | Profits - Air Force

As a Project Manager, Ken specializes in Aerospace and Defense Industry. He will be designing and launching his business prior to leaving the Air Force next year.

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On January 4th, 2019, after 26 years in public safety, David retired and started his own security and risk management consulting business. David addresses violence prevention in the workplace, emergency preparedness, veteran crisis intervention, business continuity, and threats to the workplace through program development, training, and ongoing advisory services aimed at developing self-sustaining organizations.

Victor Manzano
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Paramor, LLC - Marine Corps

Victor Manzano has been an entertainment professional for over 13 years. He launched Paramor, LLC, which is a cross-cultural, innovative entertainment company that showcases the highest quality in music, media, and lifestyle in 2018. He has secured record deals, publishing deals, and major distribution.

Joshua Moffie
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Trident Coffee Roasters - Air Force

After thirteen years in the USAF, Joshua Moffie graduated with a graduate business degree from USC and worked as a Management Consultant with Accenture. He helped launched Trident Coffee Roasters in 2018. He is now scaling his company from regional to national operations.

Chris Murray
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Neuway Media - Air Force

Chris Murray launched Neuway Media, LLC in 2020 and is currently scaling his company from local clients to large-scale brands while beginning to produce original media content and educational resources for companies in fashion, food, arts, music, tourism, and sports. Neuway Media, LLC utilizes the high-end technology of Hollywood movies, but combines it with a more streamlined, economic approach that focuses on the essentials and utilizes a more bespoke creative process.
LOS ANGELES

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Sienna Benton recently launched her magazine, “Life is Art” this past year and has currently produced three print and online issues. She has created a website, social media pages, and is using a print to order service in an effort to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

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Saddles for Soldiers - Navy

Andre Andrews launched Saddles for Soldiers to provide equine therapy to veterans and first responders. Saddles for Soldiers provides them with the full equestrian experience with the intention of specifically addressing PTSD and mental illness.

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Vero - Marine Corps

Brandon is a Marine combat veteran and current M.S. of Applied Psychology student at the University of Southern California. He is developing a financial literacy application with a target market of 11.8M Americans.

MANUEL VILLALBA
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White Village Digital Inc. and SnapMob - Army

Manuel Villalba created Snapmob, which is a mobile app that enables users to take or upload photos, digitally package, send access links, preview, and purchase the photos on the same platform. Snapmob removes the scheduling aspect by giving all users the ability to perform paid photography wherever they are within a moment's notice spontaneously.
**MINNEAPOLIS**

**JAY SACHETTI**

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After a rotational MBA leadership development and six years at Eaton Corporation, Jay Sachetti is now preparing to reinvigorate homeowner services with a focus on the Minneapolis-St. Paul market. Jay is launching a local, all-in-one home maintenance business with modern marketing and technology to provide a better experience at a better cost.

**LAURA BRIGGS**

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Better Biz Academy/The Freelance Coach - Navy

Laura Briggs has worked with software consultants to roadmap freelancers’ next steps in the Minneapolis area and consulted with a corporate team about difficult tasks. She helps freelancers grow meaningful and flexible businesses.

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Soulebration - Army

After 13 years in the Army, Dajon Ferrell struggled with PTSD. As she navigated her transition into the civilian world, she found a need in the community to bring more awareness to anxiety, depression, and oneness. She is now launching events, products, and online portals to help each and every human celebrate the life they have.

**NIELS COTT**

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Awesome - Army

Niels is focused on building his coaching practice to serve veterans and professionals. This practice aims to help veterans transition to civilian life and handle significant life changes.

**TIM PIISPANEN**

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In 2010, Tim Piispanen followed his passion for the shooting industry and is continuing to build his own international business. His goal is to provide cost-effective training facilities for military and law enforcement groups worldwide.

**CT DOUGLASS**

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CT Douglas, with the help of a couple of friends, saw an opportunity to deliver timely and accurate tracking mechanisms to command teams through leveraging their technology and business acumen. They launched Amercia in 2020 and plan to scale to Brigade level support by year end.

**BRENDAN MOONEY**

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Your Next Place - Air Force

With over 16 years of experience in the real estate field, Brendan started Your Next Place with the goal to reinvent the rental search process. Your Next Place assists in finding, applying for, and educating clients on the rental and real estate process.

**DANIEL WYNTER**

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Wynter Technical Services - Navy

Daniel Wynter started the Wynter Technical Services Company, which provides Data Analytics, Manufacturing, and Prototype Device coordination and Disaster Recovery Services.
NASHVILLE

RYAN HOEK
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RII Digital, LLC - Army

Ryan Hoek is currently building an authority review site, from which users can make informed purchasing decisions based on recommendations from experts in the industry. He is also creating a course that teaches optimal SEO implementation to generate web traffic that turns into an affiliate income. This is an introductory course that shows people how to start a highly passive affiliate business using organic traffic from search engines.

LUCY DUGGER
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The Leaf Bar - Navy

After working in HR and Payroll for mid to large corporations, Lucy Dugger decided to launch her own bakery. She is a self-taught baker and has been baking for over 12 years. Currently, she is growing her business and scaling her e-commerce bakery, through which a customer simply places their order online to be delivered to their home or office.

PARIS LOVE
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Paris Love Productivity Institute, LLC - Army

Paris Love is a former U.S. Army Sergeant, who has a tremendous talent for bringing order to chaos and providing her clients with streamlined, efficient, manageable approaches to living their dream life. Love has helped individuals and companies of all sizes get organized and on track to living a stress-free life through addressing physical clutter and poor time management skills.

CH elsea CAMP
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The Juicing Station - Army

Chelsea Camp co-founded both Butterfly Moments, Inc, Women’s Recovery Center (nonprofit), & The Juicing Station (cold-pressed organic juice company), and has become an advocate and mentor within the community. She is currently learning & working to combine these experiences to start an independent consulting firm.

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Connect Our Elders, LLC - Army

Sarah has launched Connect Our Elders, LLC in 2020 and is actively establishing Connect Our Elders in Southern California and the Nashville, Tennessee market. Connect Our Elders brings together appropriate resources, in an unbiased manner, to educate and assist Elders, their adult children, and advisors. Connect Our Elders’ Advocates provide care planning, care management, in-home support, home health, hospice, technology solutions, fiduciary services, elder specific real estate services, financial planning, placement, advice, guidance, and support to aide in dignified, empowered aging.

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American Cultural English - Army

Lucian Reeves launched a company website and began teaching Chinese students online from America in 2017. After returning from China in January 2020, he is now moving back to an online podcast format for his business, which provides Native English instruction to Chinese students that wish to attend American universities.

JOHN LICHT
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LITIX Resources - Navy

At LITIX Resources, John Licht provides his clients with challenge solutions. Most transactions are related to supplying solutions for challenges, such as obtaining raw materials, operations, staffing, logistics, facilities, business development, compliance, and markets.

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Meal POP, Inc (Incorporated as a C-Corp, JAN 2020) - Military Family

Brandon Esse founded Meal POps, which provides a platform that allows large consumer pools to capitalize on volume-based discounts, resulting in hundreds of dollars of cash vouchers monthly per person. Restaurants offer cash incentives directly to consumers and collect all overspend directly from them.
NEW YORK CITY

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FreemarketsAI - Marine Corps

Pravin Rajan worked in finance in technology public markets investment prior to starting FreemarketsAI, which is a venture-backed startup focused on giving wealth managers access to the same tools as premium hedge funds.

MARIE ROKER-JONES
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Military Spouse

Marie is a military spouse, fluent in business development, digital marketing and program management. She’s developing a crowdsourcing platform that allows users to anonymously share their experiences of diversity, inclusion and belonging in the workplace, and provide to job candidates company overviews of values, culture and fit. It’s Glassdoor meets Yelp.

MATTHEW CRISTALDI
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Ribbit - Army

Matthew Cristalidi launched Ribbit in 2018, which helps users discover sustainable and eco-friendly restaurants. Utilizing the mobile app, users answer simple questions about the places they eat, i.e., are there locally sourced ingredients or reusable utensils. Their answers to the questions provide other users with a guide to where to go eat, while the business platform will process this data and offer it to restaurants in the form of features such as advanced analytics, a marketplace to connect restaurants with eco-friendly suppliers, and transparency supply chain insights.

ROMAN BACA
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Exit2 Dance Company - Marine Corps

Roman Baca is a classically trained ballet dancer and choreographer. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Baca returned to dance and co-founded Exit 2 Dance Company, which tells veteran stories choreographically to increase cross-cultural understanding and heal divisions.

ERIK JOYCE
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It’s Plenty, Inc. - Navy

Erik Joyce combined his passion for food and sustainability with the knowledge he obtained through his studies and his service to the country to launch It’s Plenty, which is a recipe sharing social media platform designed to reduce household food waste. It’s Plenty cuts through the noise of search engines and traditional social media to provide users with a one-stop shop for all their food-related needs, such as educational videos, creating and sharing recipes, and information on local food-related events.

JOHN RUDIO
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KTH Technologies Corporation - Army

John and his co-founder set out to build a telehealth startup called Kick (short for “kick the habit”), which includes highly personalized cessation regimens using a Nicotine Replacement Therapy protocol and user data.

They have engineered a specialized e-cigarette that tapers nicotine over several months, and their app influences behavior shifts through insightful information, gamification motivation, support team accountability, goal-setting, and daily affirmations.

RONARD MARTINEZ
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Grayscale - Army

Ron launched Grayscale, which is an advisory firm dedicated to helping minorities get organized and acquire small businesses. Grayscale has a system that helps independent sponsors become an entrepreneur educated in the industry in which they want to operate.

BENJAMIN GAINES
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Jackpot Data Science Group - Marine Corps

Benjamin Gaines founded the Jackpot Data Science group, in which he works with organizations to develop creative solutions to better leverage data across multiple platforms. The Jackpot Data Science Group gathers data, cleans it, and puts it directly into the client’s systems of choice (e.g., Salesforce, OneDrive, etc.).
NORTHEAST VIRTUAL

RONI AHMED
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NYC DDC - Army
Roni is a professional mechanical engineer, who served the Army national guard for six years. He and his partners are developing an app to solve the parking problem in New York City that will allow homeowners to list their driveway or garage on the app and a driver can use the listing to park their car.

VICTOR QUINZO
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Skoutwest - Marine Corps
Victor is currently a management consultant for Accenture working under the Finance and Risk team. Victor launched Skoutwest LLC in December 2019 with the goal of helping thousands of college students and veterans improve their professional brand and obtain better jobs.

MADALYN DAVIDSON
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Air Force
Madalyn created a website to help dentists connect with one another and find a fellow practitioner to cover maternity leave absences. This would allow dentists to be home with their newborns, take an overdue break for medical care, or a much needed vacation.

CHRISTOPHER MCKELVY
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Lion Media - Army
Chris McKelvy founded Lion Media, which sources talent pays them a salary, and then grows their brands across various social media channels. The team of data-driven professionals ensures that high quality content that audiences love and trust is consistently produced.

DANIEL GOTTESMANN
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3epli - Army
Daniel Gottesmann is building a software program to help mortgage lenders originate loans faster and more efficiently while gaining and retaining more customers. This new automated software uses state-of-the-art technology that is flexible, scalable, and enhances the user experience.

JOEY MAC DIZON
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The Mobile Cigar Lounge - Marine Corps
After serving 6 years in the Marine Corps and graduating from Norwich University, Joey started his entrepreneurial journey, learning from fellow veteran entrepreneurs and other business owners. In 2018, He launched The Mobile Cigar Lounge with two fellow veterans and is now growing this cigar entertainment business to be the best in the area.

AMY MCCAMBRIDGE
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The Unbridled Heroes Project - Marine Corps
After serving four years in the Marine Corps, Amy obtained her Bachelor’s in Political Science. In September 2018, Amy and her husband launched The Unbridled Heroes Project, a wild mustang rescue and veterans wellness center. Amy and Mark, both veterans, are also motivational speakers, telling their story of rising from devastation to healing through work with rescued horses.
PHILADELPHIA

BRENDAN ARONSON
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Connection - Marine Corps

Brendan Aronson is the founder of Connection, which uses data science to select quality products for each individual and sends customers their cannabis supplies directly. Connection also offers educational content that helps people consume cannabis responsibly.

TANIKKA DENNISON
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Crosstech Consulting Group, Inc. - Army

In 2019, Tanikka Dennison, launched an IT Staffing firm. She is seeking an opportunity to grow her business through collaboration with Bunker Labs and to continue to have a positive impact on the economy.

ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN
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HD Dog Training, LLC - Air Force

Robert McLaughlin is a professional dog trainer and disabled veteran who opened HD Dog Training in 2015, which won Best of Philly 2018 and the Philly Love Award 2020. He has been interviewed by LaSalleTV and been featured on the Big Screen at the Lincoln Financial Field. Future plans for the company include developing a new website and launching an online dog training university.

HARRY WILSON
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Harry Wilson has one book published and is working on his second.

DIONNE DIXON
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Dionne Dixon founded DUTY with the goal of creating a home care service that care access for seniors and persons with disabilities as well as creates a culture that reflects her values of integrity and kindness.

SAM STERN
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Philadelphia Veterans Tour - Navy

Sam Stern is working on the Philadelphia Veterans Tour for a comprehensive transition for veterans, including work immersion, mental health support, and professional development. The Philadelphia Veterans Tour integrates Philadelphia’s resources for an inclusive approach toward veteran transition, empowering veterans and strengthening community.

CASSANDRA FOSSUM
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Mavette - Marine Corps

Cassie launched Mavette, a shoe brand, featuring a patent-pending comfort technology which aims to meet the needs of modern women. Mavette brand shoes have the aesthetic and quality of designer shoes, with the comfort needed for a full day’s work. Cassie is now working to scale the brand by growing her online and wholesale business.

STEPHANIE SPADA
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Military Family

After seven years as an award-winning product manager, Stephanie is looking to invest her strategic planning efforts toward veteran entrepreneurs and small businesses. As a full-time MIA student, Steph is hoping to elevate the local areas in need by advancing businesses with upward economic leverage and creative arts investments.
PHOENIX

MYCAL ANDERS
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20 Percenters - Marine Corps

After serving in the Marine Corps, Mycal Anders earned his Master’s degree from Arizona State University & opened CrossFit PRX (rated the #1 CrossFit “box” in the US by Men’s Journal in 2017). In 2016, Mycal launched his podcast which has over 1 million downloads to date, spreading as wide a net as possible with the message of success principles and serving at the most impactful level. Through the 20 Percenters, Mycal is on a mission to empower leaders to serve at their highest frequency.

IVAN GONICK
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Veteran Solar A2 - Air Force

Ivan Gonick has served for 9 years and is ready to spend time with his family by growing veteran solar and also launching a charity to give solar for free to disabled veterans.

CHRIS SWATTY
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G3 Technology Solutions - Army

Chris Swatty has developed a product that greatly extends the life (upwards of 400%) of expensive disposable razors while also improving upon the shave of the daily shave.

JEFFREY CANNING
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Trans-Providence - Army

Jeffrey Canning began working with technology start ups in 2014 and co-founded Trans-Providence in 2018 to help emerging technologies enter the market. The company searches for new university technology that can be used against market-based, industry problems.

VICTORIA THOMPSON
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We Steel Rise - Air Force

After eleven years in the Air National Guard and activated for 9/11, Victoria Thompson worked as a Corrections Officer for the State of Ohio and later as a PARole Officer for the State of Texas. She launched We Steel Rise, which is a non-profit organization providing housing, employment assistance, and training.

KAREN MCNEAL
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Karen McNeal is in the process of establishing a business that buys and sells vacant lots (vacant and or tax lien). She plans to scale the business in Phoenix before expanding to other states.

RO GONZALEZ
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Valors on 8th - Marine Corps

In 2018, Ro started Valors on 8th Veterans to help bring veterans together and be a resource for employment and education opportunities.

MELISSA ROWE
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1TOUCH Concepts, LLC - Army

Melissa launched her two businesses, 1Touch Concepts and Nerdabee Solutions, in which she helps provide project management solutions, especially in the IT/Telecom fields.
RALEIGH-DURHAM

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Inspirus Consulting, Inc. - Army

After serving as an Army Infantry officer, Airborne Ranger, and combat veteran, Al Sullivan transitioned to a successful civilian career. He worked for another 22 years in Supply Chain and Human Resources leadership roles in global organizations. Over the last 12 years, he’s successfully led an Organization Development firm specializing in Diversity, Change, and Leadership.

CJ SCARLET
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Scarlet LLC, DBA Badass Grandma Ventures - Marine Corps

CJ Scarlet is a disabled Marine Corps veteran, danger expert, and award-winning author of books that empower women and children to protect and defend themselves. CJ is launching her next book, “Badass Parenting: Prepare Your Kids to Deal with Danger without Scaring the Hell Out of Them,” in July 2020, and is creating an accompanying video series to help parents empower their children to live safe, confident, happy lives. Through her books, videos, and presentations, CJ helps protect women and children by empowering them to protect and defend themselves from predators.

TOBY PRUDHOMME
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Military First BnB Solutions, LLC - Army

After 21 years in the Army, Toby Prudhomme worked in cyber security for PwC. He founded Military First BnB Solutions in 2018 and is scaling his company from 4 states to nationwide, short-term property management near military installations.

MARIANETH CROCKETT
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MCIDEATIVE / KAZARU - Navy

Marianeth founded VENDWELL, which is an innovative approach to delivering essentials via a seamless consumer experience. The physical product offering will empower and support local businesses.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE
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Carolina Blue Cigars - Army

After 30 years in the US Army, Christopher Moore works as the CEO of Carolina Blue Cigars as well as a Finance Manager for the VA. He has scaled up his business to serve all brick and mortar cigar shops in domestic and international locations.

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LePage Management Solutions, LLC - Military Spouse

Patty is the founder of LePage Management Solutions, which provides start-up consulting, business strategy, and performance management to local businesses. She aims to help corporations recruit and retain veterans by providing coaching services that aid veterans and executives in achieving corporate success.

ROBERT THELEN
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Rownd - Air Force

Rob Thelen launched Rownd in 2019, which is a start-up focused on bringing data ownership, privacy, and security to small and medium businesses. Rownd reduces risk and adds focus for business owners. Organizations can focus on their core mission, instead of worrying about changes in regulations, data breaches, or negative consumer reactions. Through the platform, businesses can offload data risk, all while ensuring consented data mining, batch processing, and a great customer experience are still possible.
RAPID CITY

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PBJ Solutions - Army

After leaving the full-time National Guard, Mitch realized that there was a huge need for consultants with expertise in strategic planning, process improvement, and organizational development. Mitch works to identify strengths, improvement opportunities, and build networks that bring information, resources, knowledge, and the best practices to organizations, individuals, and communities wanting to improve.

JOHN SCHNEIDER
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Dakota Optics/Dakota Gun Cleaners - Army

John Schneider launched Dakota Optics and Dakota Gun Cleaners in 2017. Dakota Optics offers quality, lifetime warranted optics at a great price and exceptional customer service, and Dakota Gun Cleaners specializes in professional ultrasonic firearms cleaning.

CAROL SUZUKI
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Powered LLC and Black Hills Paintless Dent Repair - Air Force

Carol Suzuki helped launch Black Hills Paintless Dent Repair with her husband in Rapid City and continues to assist with growing market share and profitability. Today, she is coaching small business owners’ growth strategies as a Pumpkin Plan and Fix This Next certified strategist.

FELIX IRVING
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Beard BQ Sauce LLC - Air Force

While going through school, Felix started a small batch BBQ sauce company and found a new passion and mission in life. He is looking to VIR to be an eye opening experience that will enable him to further grow his business.

GORDON DECKER
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Shield Financial - Army

Gordon Decker founded Shield Financial, which provides individuals and businesses with a financial professional to advise them in financial matters based on their goals and expectations.
SAN DIEGO

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Cairn Leadership Strategies - Navy

After 10 years in the Navy, Knight became an executive coach and outdoor guide. He founded Cairn Leadership to develop business leaders through community and outdoor adventures. After two years, the business became profitable, and he is currently working to grow and scale his business.

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B. Austin Consulting, LLC - Navy

Bridgette Austin, Founder, and CEO of B. Austin Consulting (BAC) is a retired U.S. Navy Combat Veteran and businesswoman with over 28 years of experience in military leadership and civilian employment. Her team at BAC specializes in providing professional and management training to help organizations maximize employee potential, productivity, and performance. As a partner to Sub and Prime Contractors, The BAC team delivers quality workshop facilitation services, training, business process management, and leadership coaching to its clients.

TREVOR TERRA
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Navy

After nearly 20 years in the Navy, Trevor Terra acted as a project manager for ship maintenance and repair. He co-created Marine Safety Solutions with a provisional patent that will change the maritime safety world.

DIEGO UGALDE
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The Trident Approach - Navy

After 20 years of serving in Naval conventional and special operations forces, Diego Ugalde decided there was a better way to teach, practice, and uphold supportive leadership and team cohesion in the workplace or in athletic organizations. The Trident Approach was designed with the sole intention of protecting leadership and the teams they mean to serve.

NICHOLAS MANN
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TeacherFit LLC - Marine Corps

Following 8 years in the Marines, Nick Mann owned and operated his functional fitness gym for 6 years before founding TeacherFit, which tackles the issue of educator wellness and the impact a mentally, physically, or emotionally unwell educator has on their students. Each week, TeacherFit distributes mindfulness & meditation, fitness, yoga, and nutrition programs that educators can use in alignment with their own schedules. Additionally, TeacherFit is in the process of expanding student programs to provide motivated teachers with after school mindfulness, yoga, and fitness programs they can easily implement to further impact their students.

JOE WELCH JR.
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Krevass Inc. & Geodey Inc. - Navy

Joe Welch, Jr. launched Krevass in the hopes of creating a high-performance product line of timeless clothing and gear. Krevass will be sustainable and traceable while also creating an investment fund to give back to the world.

RACHEL COSTELLO
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Bonna Vita Ventures - Navy

Rachel Costello launched Bonna Vita Ventures with her fellow Navy Veteran in 2017 with the goal of creating consumer lifestyle products that enhance sleep for travellers or those who are restricted to sleeping upright.

SUNNY BROTHERS
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Viage, LLC - Air Force

Sunny is a combat veteran with a Masters Degree in Global Development and Social Justice. She is leveraging her experience in human-centered design and systems mapping to further develop Viage, a startup support company.
SAN FRANCISCO

KAPPES BRENT
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Bamtech, LLC - Navy
Brent Kappes has designed a durable, comfortable clothing material which lasts longer and is stronger than other alternatives. The material consists of viscose bamboo, which is naturally thermo-regulating and stronger than cotton and is ventilated in certain areas to increase significant comfort and longevity in all environments.

ADRIAN BLUMBERG
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Marine Corps
Following honorable service in the Marine Corps, Adrian Blumberg graduated with a B.A. from Texas Tech University in 1998 and, subsequently, pursued a career in Transportation Operations and Logistics. Discovering a latent talent in the arts, he launched a volunteer outreach program under YobiWorks, for victims of PTSD & CPTSD called Find Your Heart, and found local endorsements for his efforts from art and veterans organizations. Now, Adrian seeks to broaden the scope of self-guided art therapy into an organization that engages veterans with the arts and multimedia.

EDGARDO LOEZA
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LFB Ventures, LLC - Marine Corps
After 4 years in Marine Corps as an infantryman, Eddy Loeza used his skills and values towards his venture in Real estate. He founded LFB Ventures, LLC, which is a real estate investment company he launched in 2018 while being a full-time student. Loeza's company provides homeowners in distressed properties better alternatives to improve their quality of life. Whether they are facing code violations, taxes liens, or foreclosures, LFB Ventures, LLC has the networks and systems to help the client in a 1 on 1 basis.

KIMBERLY KAWAGUCHI
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Air Force
Kimberly Kawaguchi applied her knowledge of accounting, financial data analysis, and basic computer programming to create an online platform that will provide financial equity investor information. She seeks to distinguish her platform from other investment websites by allowing users to detect changes that indicate buying or selling opportunities.

ALEXANDER DE LA CAMPA
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Foxhole Development - Navy
Alexander de la Campa's skills and knowledge base helping rural and Native American communities in their pursuit of affordable housing development. Alexander has also launched Foxhole Development, which provides affordable housing to military veterans in their pursuit of education and the tools to build autonomy, authenticity, and purpose for themselves.

KEANU SPINDOLA
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Spindola Construction - Marine Corps
Keanu took over the family construction business and is using his unique military experience to manage and grow the company. It is a new construction company entering the market and he plans to use technology to streamline the building process and look for innovative ways to save money and drive efficiency.

JERRY WANG
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Tommy and Jerry, LLC - Marine Corps
A self-taught programmer, Jerry started his digital product development career leading technical teams. He switched to being a restaurateur and hopes to help brick and mortar retail operations by providing new technology to endure and last through new consumer trends.
SEATTLE

SEAN MAGRUDER
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GSM Painting, LLC - Navy

After thirteen years in the Navy, Sean Magruder opened a commercial and residential painting company in 2017 with his best friend. He completed multiple contracts with the city of Kirkland and seeks to work on federal contracts.

MARY RAUZI
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Embr Creative - Military Spouse

With over 11 years in design and strategy, Mary Rauzi has a proven track record of helping brands grow. After launching Embr Creative in the beginning of 2018, she is now looking to grow and expand Embr's reach. Embr Creative listens to the company's business goals, discovers audience motivations, and provides an edge by developing visualization of the brand. With a strategy-driven professional look, the client's company will be able to turn viewers from acquaintances to evangelists.

MICHAEL MATERN
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Military Family

After ten years in the Army, Mike Matern obtained a corporate fellowship at BlackRock on Operational Due Diligence followed by a brief contract on Client Reporting and Distribution Services. He is now temporarily self-employed as a retail trader, but, as a lifelong amateur brewer, is interested in starting his own business and scaling it to size.

MATTHEW BOYER
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Zyteer Inc - Army

Matthew Boyer’s Sociotechnical Systems Toolbox fills the massive and growing industry needs by providing resources and frameworks that enable Tech Builders and Tech Seekers to understand and plan for the Fourth Industrial Revolution’s practical implications for the future of work. Matt works closely with a diverse set of early-stage tech builders and enterprise tech Seekers to guide the design and adoption of emerging technologies that enable the Future of Work and the Fourth Industrial Revolution to include autonomous ground vehicles, unmanned aerial systems, extended reality (XR), and artificial intelligence (AI).

RICARDO PEREZ
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Army

Ricardo Perez filed a patent for an idea he had as a senior chemical engineering student, and was accepted into a graduate program at Foster Business School. Since then, he’s taken the patent from idea to prototype and is launching his first book.

SHAWN WITT
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Gravity Parameters / Glidersports - Army

After serving 11 years in the Army, Shawn is looking to grow his current company Gravity Parameters / Glidersports as well as develop additional verticals and opportunities.

BERNARD MENDEZ
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Interco Industries LLC - Army

Bernard founded Interco, which helps create new input sources through experimental and statistical techniques before consolidating the data through a hardware-based software. This creates a custom solution for data-driven practices that is tailored to each client.

ADAM PEDDICORD
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Customer Success by Design - Army

Adam Peddicord launched Customer Success by Design, which is a consultation and software solution that helps companies create the experiences that will lead to happier, healthier, and longer-term relationships with their customers. The company does this through market performance scorecards, go-to-market strategy toolkits (CBA, payback, & journey map), and operational outsourcing services.
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APRIL CALDWELL
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fayVen, LLC - Air Force

April Caldwell, an Air Force Veteran of ten years, and her husband, Aaron Caldwell, a retired Air Force Veteran, have teamed up to create fayVen, LLC. fayVen allows mobile and home-based vendors to find locations that will allow them to do collaborative pop-up shops on a temporary basis. Currently, fayVen is in its early stages, having some minor traction through a minimal viable product.

MONICA IANNACONE
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Weekend Navigators - Navy

After 14 years in the Navy and Navy Reserves, Monica Iannacone launched a travel agency specializing in romance travel, including destination weddings and honeymoons. She is scaling her business through building relationships with businesses and entrepreneurs throughout Tampa Bay.

KENT CLARK
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CAG Federal - Army

Kent is a global operational executive and former CEO of AMVETS National Service Foundation, leading transformation of a major Veterans Service Organization with a complex organizational structure focused on strategy, finance and logistics to drive efficiency and profitability and risk reduction. Kent is currently scaling CAG Federal by providing Information Technology, Consulting and Business Services globally to our customers.

ALEXIS BROWN
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Air Force

After seven years in the US Air Force, Lex R. Brown II pivoted his career into private-sector tech leadership roles with the likes of DISH, MobileIron, Amazon, Pipedrive, and now TechQualled. In 2020, he’s launching his own venture to motivate, inspire, and empower others by producing innovative tech tools, actionable content, and memorable meaningful merchandise.

BRYAN JACOBS
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Reveille Catering & Meals Inc - Navy

In 2017, Bryan Jacobs launched a Nonprofit to reintegrate homeless, displaced, and second chance veterans back into the community through a behavioral-habit training model, while also teaching culinary skills for employment. Now, he is scaling his new company Reveille Meals, which hires graduates of his program to offer jobs and entrepreneurial opportunity to those looking to serve again.

MICHAEL ZANETTI
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TradesFactor - Army

Michael worked as a management consultant before launching his company TradesFactor in 2015, which addresses the gap in the marketplace between schools, employers, and skilled trades workers. TradesFactor provides a digital passport for skilled trades workers to have their work experience, education, licenses, certifications, and supervisor recommendations be stored in the cloud. This enables schools to check on graduate career progression, and employers can search for potential new workers.

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Accelerated Health Benefits - Marine Corps

Omar is a Marine Corps Veteran and serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Accelerated Health Benefits (AHB). AHB’s purpose is to change the landscape of how healthcare is delivered through the design and implementation of efficient solutions for employers and their employees. They utilize specific strategies that improve quality and efficiency as well as drive down cost and cut out the insurance company.

DAVID AKERS
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Aviation Kids USA, Inc. - Army

Having served as a Marine avionics technician and Army targeting officer, along with over a decade of engineering and management experience, David Akers has founded Aviation Kids USA. The public charity is an aviation-focused, hands-on, STEM education organization. David is dedicated to bringing the opportunities aviation provides to the kids who would otherwise not have the access or opportunities.
Caroline Haid grew up in a Navy family, spending most of her childhood in Honolulu, Hawaii and Fairfax, Virginia. She grew up playing sports and building tree forts, and was raised to be independent and adventurous, eventually leading her to her own career in the Navy.

Caroline attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Navy ROTC scholarship. After graduation, Caroline completed naval aviator training and served as a P-3C Orion pilot, flying in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. During her time in her squadron, Caroline led an aircrew of eleven on two deployments, as well as an aircraft maintenance division of 70 Sailors. She finished out her Navy career as an aide to two Navy Admirals.

Upon leaving the Navy, Caroline joined Deloitte’s Federal Strategy & Operations practice in Arlington, VA as a Senior Consultant. She worked with government clients on customer insights research to inform digital product strategy and development. Caroline left Deloitte in 2018 to pursue her MBA full time at the Kellogg School of Management.

Caroline has always loved leading teams, building community, and pushing organizations to grow and improve. It is her dream to own and run a company. She has been a part of the Zell Fellows for Entrepreneurship Program and has completed entrepreneurial coursework while in school, both of which helped her launch On Wing in 2020.

Caroline currently lives in Evanston, Illinois with her fiancé and rescue dog; the family is excited to be returning to Washington, D.C. in June of 2020 upon Caroline’s graduation.
Justin Siegal Biography

Justin Siegal grew up in suburban Philadelphia with an accountant father and homemaker mother. He got his first job in 2005 as a junior in high school, working with an online video streaming service based in center city Philadelphia. When he left to go to college at Colgate University in upstate New York he maintained his position with that company, working remotely and traveling to industry trade shows, conventions, and events to negotiate for content and expand the business. Upon returning to Philadelphia, Justin began working with the Baida Center for entrepreneurship at Drexel University, helping undergraduates develop and grow their business ideas while pursuing a graduate certificate in entrepreneurship. During this time, Justin also joined the local fire department, where he served as a ladder truck officer as well as the president of the active department responsible for overseeing budget, training, and expenses for the 501(c)(3) organization. His time at the fire department exposed Justin to the challenges and pleasures of working with a small team under stressful situations and he chased that feeling by earning and accepting a commission as an officer in the Marine Corps. In 2012, then-Lt Siegal became a Signals Intelligence officer and was stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. From Hawaii, Justin deployed multiple times in support of operations in the Pacific, including national-level intelligence positions in Japan and South Korea. Initially planning to do one tour in the Marine Corps, Justin was asked and accepted a position with Special Operations Command, Marine Corps Forces (MARSOC) where he became a Special Operations Intelligence Officer and moved to Camp Pendleton, California. While at MARSOC, Justin was fortunate to be able to further develop and refine his craft with smaller, more specialized teams working around the globe with multiple military and inter-agency partners. Throughout his time in the Marine Corps, Justin has worked on a number of passion projects, including several websites, iPhone applications, and real-estate development. When he transitions out of the military in June 2020, Justin plans on further developing his entrepreneurial skillset with an eye towards alternative methods of business organization and the furtherance of democracy in the workplace.

When he's not working, Justin enjoys surfing, reading, writing, and working out.