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Welcome to Breaking Barriers in Entrepreneurship! We're so excited to have you join us on this eight-week journey to make your business more successful!

We are launching the sixth cohort of our expanded workshop series presented by the PwC Foundation, JPMorgan Chase Foundation, General Motors, ADP, Macy’s, and Wells Fargo. This cohort will build on the community established by the prior cohorts, where we have successfully provided training to nearly 600 veterans, military spouses, and military family members.

There are so many success stories to tell, but we would love to highlight the 31 participants that have secured cumulatively almost $1.7 million in grant funding since the start of the workshop series in June 2020. Here is a list of a few of the winners:

- **Renette Dallas** Owner of Life by Dallas
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork’s Black-Owned Business Grant.
  - $10,000 grant through NAACP and Beyonce-BeyGood: Black Owned Small Business, Impact Fund.

- **Zephrine Hanson** Owner of Hampden Farms
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork Black-Owned Business Grant.
  - $10,000 grant from the Creative Ideas Fund.
  - $15,000 grant from LinkedIn.
  - $25,000 grant from Bob Evans.

- **Carla Bond** of Upskill
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork Black-Owned Business Grant.
  - $50,000 grant from the Google For Startups Black Founders Fund.

- **Kamekio Lewis** Career and Personal Development Coach
  - $5,000 first-place prize in the BossPreneur Pitch Your Business Competition.

- **Ronnie Davis** President of Davlin Developments LLC
  - $1,500 grant from the Gwinnett County Small Business Assistance Program.
  - $9,000 Comcast Rise Grant.

- **Idongesit Essiet-Gibson** Owner of The Idyeas Group
  - $2,500 grant from Facebook.

- **Love Hudson-Maggio** Founder and CEO of Mar Dat
  - $50,000 grant from the Google For Startups Black Founders Fund.

- **Mario Mitchell** of Code Legion
  - $250,000 grant from the RNQX.

- **Lester Lumbad** President & Founder of the Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce
  - $45,200 secured in sponsorship money.

- **Jaden J. Risner** CEO / Co-Founder of Family Proud Inc.
  - $750,000 (one year, non-diluted) won through the Phase II SBIR awarded by the U.S. Air Force.

- **Brian McClean** CEO of McClean Photography
  - $5,000 Grant from the State of California’s California Relief Grant.

- **Natasha Norie Standard** CEO of NNS LLC Footwear
  - $20,000 from the River City Capital Grant.
  - Shopify Business grant for a one-year, free, Shopify subscription.

- **Regina Rembert** Owner of Think Veterans First hosts the annual event VET OHIO EXPO
  - $25,000 was raised through grants, sponsorship, and donations in support of the event.

- **Angela Van** Owner / Director of Keisha’s Kare Learning Academy
  - $10,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Development.

- **Henry Rosario** Owner of OutPatch
  - $25,000 Grant from PenFed and Purefy.

- **LaVerne Sellers** CEO of Battle Buggies To Go LLC in Fayetteville, NC
  - $10,000 from NC IDEA Grant.

- **Niurka Castaneda** CEO of Amor Umbrella
  - $10,000 grant from Comcast.

- **Samar Parikh** Founder of Pathfinder Health, Inc.
  - $15,000 first-place prize at Bunker Labs Pitch Competition.
  - $50,000 grant from AFWERX/SBIR Phase I.
  - $10,000 runner-up prize from The Task Force X Capital Management 5th Annual Veteran Startup Showcase.

- **Schmid Etienne** CEO of R.E.S.S.E.T Studio
  - $2,500 plus one desktop computer, two laptop computers, and three tablets through the COMCAST RISE Grant.

- **Marie Roker Jones** Owner of Essteem
  - $10,000 won through the 2022 Black Girl Ventures Grant.

- **Theresa Irving** Owner of Duneberry Farms
  - $5,000 Grant from Farmer Veteran Coalition.

We’re eager to work with you and help you start and scale your business. Thank you in advance for completing the Entrepreneur Assessment and connecting with the BBIE Group in Bunker Online.
Asian American & Pacific Islander Entrepreneurs

thenewfilipina.com • THENEWFILIPINA.COM is an online community of the award-nominated podcast show, The Filipino American Woman (TFAW) Project, to support Filipino American women dedicated to practicing healthy communication and contributing to their chosen communities. Similar to Toastmasters, we often attract adult children of immigrant parents who seek a support system that encourages them to find and exercise their voices so that they can confidently advocate for themselves and contribute in meaningful ways to their personal and professional communities.

Website: https://thenewfilipina.com/
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Bautista Brands/Selling Security • I teach security professionals about marketing and marketing professionals about security.
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bydannis • I am Dannis, a passionate graphic designer with a penchant for creative thinking. I am excited to explore new avenues to apply my graphic design skills and contribute to the vibrant community of New York City.
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Town Hall Marketing • Town Hall Marketing is a veteran and woman-owned digital marketing management firm. We work with your leaders to assess the current market position, public perception, and messaging. Collaborating with your team, our goal is to create marketing strategies that improve your visibility, reach and brand reputation.
Website: https://www.townhallmarketing.com
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/aubreyahall/

I Got Your Six • Educating Veterans to resolve PTSD, anxiety, and depression through alternative resiliency strategies.
Website: https://www.resiliencecamp.org
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JEN AMOS
Military Spouse

BEA BAUTISTA
Veteran (Retired)

DANNIS FU
Veteran

AUBREY HALL
Veteran, Military Spouse

ERIC INFANTI
Veteran
ARUN GEMS INTERNATIONAL - No Online/Jewelry Stores offer resale value on Diamond Engagements. Engagement Ring buyers losing confidence in purchasing Diamond Engagement Rings. We Solve this by providing Resell value.

Website: https://aumika.com/
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In-State Advantage LLC - We help out-of-state investors buy, sell, and manage their In-State (Michigan) investments.
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Kimberly Nguyen - I provide talk and art therapy services for children, adolescents, and adults. It’s awesome because much of trauma and stress is inaccessible with talk alone; therefore, I use art and somatic work for a more holistic approach.
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** ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER ENTREPRENEURS 

**Ron Parungao**
VETERAN

**Viresh Shah**
VETERAN

**Rei Sikora**
MILITARY SPOUSE

**Jeffrey Tam**
VETERAN

**Floramie Welch**
VETERAN

**RENAEGADE AI** - RENEGADE AI will lead with a network of experienced consultants, designers, and project and product managers - co-piloted with leading-edge artificial intelligence tools to optimize building and delivering digital products and assisted decision-making at all levels.

Our services unit allows us to couple a data acquisition strategy with our product offering of tools that use data analytics and Generative AI to revolutionize project planning & estimation, resource allocation, risk management and decision-making for all types of businesses and organizations.

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**Pioneer Llc** - solving pollution issues due to carbon, fossil fuel, etc with the innovative tech such as solar & renewable energy, hydro power, ammonia, etc

Website: https://mypioneer.biz

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**Rei Sikora, LLC** - Children STEAM-focused goods, items, and services helping mothers and spouses physically and digitally

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**Pesce Lulu seafood kitchen** - Pesce Lulu Seafood Kitchen launched our first seafood concept in the Citicorp building, 601 Lexington Ave in the heart of NYC midtown's business district, Pesce Lulu is uniquely positioned within a newly designed food hall, The Hugh. Pesce Lulu will offer all the elements essential to an exquisite seafood dining experience at the speed and cost of fast-casual. The fresh seafood menu at Pesce Lulu meets consumer demand for healthy, convenient options with uncompromised flavor and execution.

Website: https://www.pescelulu.com

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**Photon Aerial Tech** - B2B Photography & Drone Services Provider. Stunning interior, exterior, and aerial pictures and videos for Real Estate sales, Insurance Asset Valuations, Construction Progressing, and Infrastructure Inspections. We are committed to providing the highest quality imagery to your company’s competitive edge.

Website: https://photonaerialtech.com/

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Website: https://mypioneer.biz
Marla Albertie

Truth Speaks Group LLC - Founded by Marla J. Albertie in 2013, Truth Speaks Group, LLC (TSG) is a multi-media coaching company that helps woman integrate their lives and delivers resources for working women to create work-life harmony (WLH) and not work life balance in her life.
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Rosa Avant

True Mission Services - Mental health private practice. We provide individual, couple and family sessions. We specialize in treating trauma, depression, anxiety, and life transitions.
Website: https://truemissionservices.com
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Willie Bass

The WC Group - Wc group leverages human connection for small business owners with value-creating ideas. The WC Group is a strategic partner that helps position overlooked companies with strong networks, capital financing, and business-building consulting to grow and thrive.
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Jerry Bell

JBJBusinessGroup Inc - JBJ has been in business since 2004 and has over 150 years of combined experience providing expertise in workforce development, change management, organization development, emerging technology, learning design, DEI, and training. JBJ's innovative solutions resulted in minimizing turnover, increasing the adoption of technology, and improving employee efficiency that is a direct correlation to saving time and money.
Website: https://www.jbj-businessgroup.com
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Donte Burney

Function Academy - A hybrid full stack web development bootcamp. We sell workshops, bootcamp prep, and a full stack bootcamp.
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BLACK ENTREPRENEURS

**TERRANCE CHAPLIN**
*Veteran (Retired)*

2C Coffee and Tea - I am solving the problem of not enough minority owned coffee companies and accessibility of coffee to everyone. My solution is creating a 100% mobile coffee company that operates out of a coffee trailer. We sell coffee and tea products.

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**LATOYA CLARK**
*Veteran*

Maylon Media - Maylon Media is your partner in taking your local business to the next level. I specialize in Social Media, Traffic Generation, Reputation Management, Mobile App Development, and Automation Services, all designed to help you achieve three critical goals: getting clients, keeping them coming back, and dominating your market.

Website: [https://www.maylonmedia.com/](https://www.maylonmedia.com/)

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**FRED DAIS**
*Veteran*

The Days Group - Community business to grow and provide opportunity for the community

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**CHARMELLA DANIELS**
*Veteran (Retired)*

Bates & Boys Trucking LLC - America’s goods need to be shipped daily, we at Bates & Boys Trucking ensure we can get those items moved as quickly and efficiently as possible. Our customers consist of shippers, manufactures, and small businesses, they are our top priority. Our solution is simple, we get your items moved with safety being our number one concern to allow the organization to focus on other areas of operation.

LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/company/bates-and-boys-trucking-llc](https://www.linkedin.com/company/bates-and-boys-trucking-llc)

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**RENEE DICKERSON**
*.Veteran, Military Spouse*

Victory Place - At Victory Place, our mission is to provide a holistic, integrative mental health and wellness experience to service members, veterans, and first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) caused by military-related or on-the-job trauma, including the experience of sexualized trauma. We understand that PTSD can cause significant distress and interfere with a person’s ability to function in their daily life. Our dedicated team at Victory Place is committed to empowering our clients with the tools and support they need to manage their stress responses, gain a deeper understanding of how PTSD affects their lives, and encourage them to seek help when feeling overwhelmed or suicidal.

Website: [http://victoryplace.net/](http://victoryplace.net/)

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T. Dozier Consulting - T. Dozier Consulting aims to provide holistic assistance to clients who are self-starters or visionaries. They find themselves faced with several difficult choices and circumstances that obstruct their academic and career objectives. TDC’s commitment is to walk with you, as ideas/issues or opportunities appear until goal(s) are reached.

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DHS, Harrington & Associates - Dedicated to service to others to improvement of the quality of life in the world in which we live, with a work ethic that provides interpersonal skills, including the ability to multi-task, understanding the importance of giving outstanding service focusing on satisfaction through leadership development applications. Provide liaison leadership activities along with change development procedures; Leadership and business development through organizations and community service activities in developing preparations within prospective communities; with the usage of oral communications and in writing, through meetings/group activities (such as festivals, workshops, seminars, concerts, school events, churches, businesses, institutions and all levels of government agencies and/or NGO's - Non Governmental Organizations). Conduct and maintain professional business integrity with various multicultural diverse backgrounds.

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iHeartSox - We commit to providing top-quality compression socks that enhance performance, offering support and comfort for all levels of physical activity. We embrace and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the African-American community, incorporating designs and themes that resonate and connect.

Website: https://iHeartSox.com
LinkedIn: https://linkedin.com/in/nyotagordon/

Be Fed Inc. - Be Fed looks to become the one-stop shop, in the form of an internet platform, for those seeking and soliciting Personal Development services based on location. The goal is to become the Wall Street of Wellness where people can go and find a community of wellness needs from fitness trainers, life coaches, therapists, etc.

Website: https://www.befed.life
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Personal Enrichment Consulting Services - I provide organizational consulting services, helping leaders professionally develop while creating tailored programs from a wellness Lens. We also provide digital courses and training and executive coaching programs.

Website: https://personallyenriched.com/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/gigihamiltonphd
**RON HANTZ**  
NATIONAL GUARD

Network for Developing Conscious Communities - Access to capital and training support for women entrepreneurs.

Website: [http://ndccnetwork.org](http://ndccnetwork.org)

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**ROCHELLE HEMINGWAY**  
ACTIVE DUTY

SLAY To Success, LLC - Empowering women transitioning from a 20+ career with a transformational plan and/or mentorship support, tapping into their leadership, mindset, and wellness skills, to start their next career or business with confidence to enhance their quality of life, foster sustainable development, and promote a more inclusive society by offering individual mentorship, group mentorship, and women empowerment events.

Website: [https://www.slaytosuccess.com](https://www.slaytosuccess.com)

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**LEOTIS HIGHTOWER**  
VETERAN (RETIRED)

HIGHTOWER CONSULTING LLC  
DBA: THEREALMENTALK - Hightower Consulting LLC is a leading coaching firm dedicated to helping men find their purpose and succeed in their business ventures. My solution is awesome because it combines personal development, purpose discovery, and business start-up coaching to provide a holistic approach to men seeking purpose and business success. By helping individuals align their passions and values with their entrepreneurial endeavors, empower them to create businesses that bring them fulfillment and financial success.

Website: [https://www.therealmentalk.com/](https://www.therealmentalk.com/)

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**KATISHA JALLOW**  
VETERAN (RETIRED)

K Luv Culture LLC - K Luv Culture helps artists and talent with personal and business development. In addition, the services are for international artists and talent so Immigration consultant services are available as well. It is solving the problem of assisting those who are new to the US in their career.

Website: [https://www.lifecoachandconsultant.com](https://www.lifecoachandconsultant.com)

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**SCOTTY JONES**  
ACTIVE DUTY

Sterile Geeks VR Inc - We create healthcare education and training applications using mixed-reality technology. Our current solution, STEAMVision was awarded an NSF grant in Sept 2022 and focuses on hospital sterile processing departments. We have been well received so far because their is a tremendous need in this field to improve education and processes to improve patient outcomes, especially post surgery.

Website: [https://www.steamvisionspd.com](https://www.steamvisionspd.com)

Linkedin: [https://www.linkedin.com/in/sjones521](https://www.linkedin.com/in/sjones521)
Raphael HomeCare - We help reduce hospitals readmission rates by providing personalized, quality, and affordable post-acute care to clients in their place of residence. We help alleviate the burden of family caregivers by offering professional care to our clients. We help eligible veterans qualify for VA Aid and Attendance benefits that could cover up to $2600/month in home care services.

Website: [https://www.raphahc.com](https://www.raphahc.com)


A Pleasant Space LLC - An intimate and safe environment is provided for senior citizens and veterans with and without disabilities.

LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/in/amy-s-lindsey](https://www.linkedin.com/in/amy-s-lindsey)

Visiting Nurse Agency - We help reduce hospitals readmission rates by providing personalized, quality, and affordable post-acute care to clients in their place of residence. We help alleviate the burden of family caregivers by offering professional care to our clients. We help eligible veterans qualify for VA Aid and Attendance benefits that could cover up to $2600/month in home care services.

Website: [https://www.visitingnurseagency.com](https://www.visitingnurseagency.com)

LinkedIn: [http://linkedin.com/in/timothy-thompson-5968211a](http://linkedin.com/in/timothy-thompson-5968211a)

Fit4Me Adult Daycare - Fit4Me Adult Daycare provides services to the elderly and those with disabilities. We are encouraging adults and those with sedentary lifestyles to live longer by socializing with peers, being active with exercise and keep the mind alert. Our solution is awesome because being healthy is a way of happiness. Maintaining a healthy life is way to prevent diseases and other health disparities that so effect us.

Website: [https://www.fit4me.biz](https://www.fit4me.biz)


UrVoyce - We provide our online and offline marketing services. These include web design, social media campaigns, graphic design, media relations, event planning and activations, promotional and marketing items, and email marketing. We offer these services at affordable prices to allow small to medium businesses the same tools of their larger counterparts.

Website: [https://www.urvoyce.com](https://www.urvoyce.com)

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Black Entrepreneurs

Omar Nelson
Active Duty
Slabulous BBQ Sauce - Slabulous BBQ sauce delivers what every backyard pit-master desires: the joy on people's faces when they bite into their barbecue. Slabulous BBQ sauce is the key to enhancing the flavor profile of smoked meat. It's the perfect finishing barbecue sauce to make your smoked meat taste competition-ready.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/omar-nelson/

Kourtney Perry
Military Family
Privacy, LLC - Privacy, LLC is an event specialist company that invests in taking your corporate events, festivals, and social gatherings to the next level. Our innovative ideas deliver memorable experiences for clients, attendees, and stakeholders. We also provide business specialist services that create data-driven solutions for small business and non-profit organizations. We strive to tackle the problem by creating strategic solutions through marketing, clients, and technology. We partner with our sister company, Ladie Lex Scented Candles, to produce handmade aromatherapy products that increase the socialization in events and aid in the mental health of business owners.

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Caleb Peters
National Guard
Impact Brands USA - Our mission and vision revolve around making a positive impact on the lives of veterans by actively promoting and facilitating the development, support, establishment, and sustainability of small businesses owned and operated by veterans. At Impact, we envision ourselves as the driving force behind veterans reaching their full potential and transforming into confident, capable, and prosperous entrepreneurs.

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Roxley Pratt
Veteran
Ror Peace Enterprises LLC - Freelance consulting... Legal Entertainment professional services in comedy and acting. Other entrepreneurial ventures.

Website: https://na.com

Bunker Labs

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Websites:
- https://www.privacyllc.net
- https://www.impactbrandsusa.com
- http://www.amandlaitsecuritygroup.net
- https://na.com
Scanventory - Many restaurants and food producers fail within the first 5 years. Not being able to control food costs is a large contributor. Scanventory allows customers inventory management and machine learning to better understand their business.

KEEON PULLEN
VETERAN

Your Future Begins Here - Your Future Begins Here (YFBH) Young Entrepreneurs Club is a transformative platform designed to address the pressing issue of limited opportunities and support for young entrepreneurs. We are dedicated to empowering aspiring business leaders, equipping them with the knowledge, mentorship, and resources they need to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into reality. Our solution is awesome because it bridges the gap for young entrepreneurs, fostering innovation, economic growth, and community development by providing a nurturing environment that cultivates the leaders of tomorrow.

TELISA RANDLE
VETERAN

T Ray Visions LLC - I help growing entrepreneurs whose struggling with client acquisition define their target audience and build relationships.

Website: https://www.trayvisions.com

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/trayvisions

JEFFREY SIMMONS
MILITARY FAMILY

Onyx Strategic Partners, LLC - Onyx Strategic Partners, LLC is a multi-disciplinary, purpose led strategic business consulting firm specializing in government and community affairs strategies, full scale diversity, equity and inclusion programs, project management and organizational program design. Onyx strives to build long term, mutually beneficial partnerships that drive customer value.

Website: https://onyxstrategicpartners.com

TEJA RAY
MILITARY SPOUSE

MILITARY SPOUSE

JEFFREY SIMMONS
VETERAN (RETIRED)

Millennial Styles - Generating clientele off social media! Location of business! Solution is to make business mobile!
TaylorMade Forme LLC - TaylorMade Forme, LLC (TMF) is a client-focused organization that provides outstanding solutions including Career, Consulting, and Health & Wellness Services. TMF was originally founded in 2014 and rebranded in 2020 and was established in response to the need for mental health support and to join the fight against obesity.

Website: https://www.taylormadeforme.com/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/deidra-taylor-a4861b41

The Color Agent - The Color Agent is a curated community platform amplifying LGBTQIA+ representation for talent, creators, and artists in the entertainment industry. We address the problem of underrepresentation by providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where LGBTQIA+ individuals can connect, collaborate, and showcase their authentic narratives year-round. Our solution empowers the LGBTQIA+ community to take control of their own representation in the entertainment industry, fostering positive change and inclusivity.

Website: https://www.thecoloragent.com
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phitrAi Corporation - At our company, harnessing the power of AI in the fitness space is a natural progression to offer unparalleled, personalized experiences to our clients. AI enables us to decipher the vast amounts of data generated daily, from wearable devices to workout logs, and craft individualized workout and nutrition plans tailored to each person’s unique needs, goals, and progress. Furthermore, by integrating AI-driven insights, we can provide real-time feedback, predictive health analytics, and adaptive routines, ensuring that our clients remain engaged, motivated, and on a trajectory towards optimal well-being. This isn’t just about staying ahead of the curve; it’s about revolutionizing the fitness journey for every individual we serve.

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Vein Entertainment - Vein Entertainment is an entity that derived from what we call, "The Vein Network". The idea is that several veins, along with what we love (our heart's gifts and desires) help motivate and energize people with the solutions we've formulated. For example, we have the Vein of Sports in assisting young people with reaching their academic, athletic, and professional goals. Also, we have the Vein of Fragrances, as a product and fundraiser for helping families in underserved communities afford to get their teen in our program. The teens join our Vein Ent basketball team and gain mentorship, tools for business, promotion, and online marketing in our Vein of Media. We have an experienced staff of media professionals that have been helping young people with media training, and highlight reels that have landed student athletes with scholarships.

Website: https://veinent.com/
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Taste Good Coffee - A coffee - tech startup company that provides solutions for small businesses.

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**BLACK ENTREPRENEURS**

**ELLSWORTH WILLIAMS**

**VETERAN (RETIRED)**

Veterans Counseling Veterans INC - Prevent Veteran Suicide by focusing on high-risk veterans, which include mental health, Military Sexual Assaults, and family mental wellness.

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**DOUGLAS WILLIAMS**

**MILITARY FAMILY**

Calico Sol - Calico Sol is a sustainable furniture manufacturer that solves the pervasive problem of used furniture being sent to landfills through our use of recyclable materials and circular economy design choices. Our products look great, are cost-effective, and are conveniently sustainable.

Website: [https://calicosol.co/](https://calicosol.co/)

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FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS

Nicole Anderson
Veteran (Retired)
Skyvoice LLC - Voiceover media + entertainment + sports agency. Agency for entertainment industry consulting and athlete representation focusing on underrepresented demographics (NCAA NIL deals) and with our clients’ legacy planning strategies, including our philanthropic consulting. Geared to benefit Tampa and Florida communities and beyond.
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LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nicole-anderson-570015217

Connie Baptiste
Veteran (Retired)
Manna From Heaven Catering - We are a catering company that provides on-site catering. We are transitioning to an organic farming operation that will provide organic produce in a greenhouse setting. We will be a dedicated supplier to small and medium food service businesses.
Website: https://themannafromheaven.com/catering-and-more

Lindsey Beates
Active Duty, Military Spouse
South Branch Outfitters - South Branch Outfitters serves our community by extending the healing power of nature to all those who need it, using the disciplines of fly fishing and fly tying. We are passionate about developing and supporting anglers of all levels in our local area, providing quality equipment, community gatherings, and instructional trips to empower anyone to join us.
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Prosperity Pathways LLC - Teaching and guiding people to get hired working at home (or anywhere) full time, part time, and anytime without getting scammed or accidentally disqualifying themselves. 93% get interviewed, 87% get hired. People are also introduced to using Generative AI as job seekers and job applicants.
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The Parenting Cipher - The parenting cipher provides educational and lifestyle resources to parents with special needs children to ensure their child’s academic success. By increasing advocacy skills to ensure their children are successful in school and beyond.
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Career Capital Institute - We specialize in certifying career coaches and nurturing aspiring leaders to a deep understanding of their unique strengths and personality traits. Equipped with this knowledge, we empower them with the essential skills needed to build a powerful professional brand and cultivate a growth mindset. Our mission is to develop programs aimed at guiding individuals in crafting a dynamic career path that aligns with their true potential and drives long-term success.

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Mindsonix, Inc. - Mindsonix: Transforming lives through sound science. Mindsonix is a SaaS software platform that supports veterans in reprogramming subconscious limiting beliefs in minutes so they can overcome the negative effects of trauma to live happy, healthy, and prosperous lives.

Website: https://fastractivestack.com
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Kin Technologies, Inc. - Kinstak is private cloud storage for parents and military families to store, organize, interact, & protect family's digital legacy, privacy and a VR enabled bridge to the metaverse.

Website: https://www.kinstak.com
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American Oil Changers LLC - We deliver oil changes to fleet companies giving them back their time resulting in an increase to their bottom line.

Website: https://americanoilchangers.com
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MUTUAL INTERACTIVE XCHANGE, LLC - Mutual Interactive Xchange, LLC provides organizations with practical solutions and business strategies customized to successfully improve the human capital workplace environment. Our motto is “There is a solution to every obstacle.”

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HEALING4HEROES - Healing4Heroes is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity. We train ADA compliant service dogs for veterans with any disability. This assistance helps them lead healthier, more productive lives.

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RETRO WARRIOR COFFEE - At Retro Warrior Coffee, we are revolutionizing the coffee experience by seamlessly blending exceptional coffee craftsmanship with a deep-rooted commitment to our heroes and the spirit of freedom. We provide freshly roasted, high-quality subscription coffees that not only cater to coffee enthusiasts seeking exquisite flavors but also offer a unique opportunity for individuals to express their gratitude to military, veterans, law enforcement, medical professionals, and first responders. Our solution is awesome because it unites great taste with purpose, enabling our customers to actively appreciate and support those who defend our liberties, making every cup a meaningful symbol of unity and appreciation.

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LOCAL DATE NIGHT, LLC - I help couples and families spend more time together, while supporting locally owned businesses, and saving them money.

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RXPHARMACIST - RxPharmacist is the leading national provider of licensure, certification, and continuing education test prep nationwide as a one stop shop for all of pharmacists needs after graduating school.

Website: [https://www.rxpharmacist.com](https://www.rxpharmacist.com)
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Amazonian Warrior Foundation - We provide peer-to-peer support groups for military rape survivors, as well as housing and food for those veterans in need.
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Capacity Builders - Capacity Builders is a veteran and military spouse-owned and operated full-service consulting company that focuses on enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of nonprofits through consulting and fractional staffing services. It is our mission to provide guidance and support in areas such as strategic planning, fundraising, program development, and organizational management.
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Temi Ajoke LLC - I am developing an AI powered medication reminder solution. The technology can help patients adhere to their medication regimens through reminders, monitoring, and personalized interventions. The AI powered medication reminder app will integrate into at home blood glucose meters and high blood pressure monitoring device for patient with diabetes and high blood pressure.
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CHRISTINA OYOLA  
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That Day Company: HerStory Unveiled - I empower females post-trauma through my Three C’s connection, coaching, and coffee. Together we can build a stronger tomorrow for females post-trauma.
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At Home Ads Inc. - Connecting advertisers to private property owners. Advertisers will be able to rent a "spot" of private property to advertise via signage. "The Airbnb of advertising."

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Dr. Stevie - Build counseling skills for unofficial counselors. People love their jobs, but dealing with people can lead to burnout. I provide the skills to manage the people part so you can get back to the job you love.

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BYND Beauty - We are a holistic salon and spa. We provide relaxation and beauty services without the harmful chemicals that are commonly associated with the beauty industry.

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CJ Scarlet LLC, DBA Badass Grandma Ventures - I am a danger expert and author of books that teach parents how to empower their kids to protect and defend themselves from predators. I'm also the new brand ambassador for Bark.us, a multinational parental monitoring app company, and will provide them with user generated content. Finally, I'm working to create online courses based on my books.

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Turbine - Turbine is a lightweight ERP for companies that manage physical inventories. Turbine solves the hardest inventory problems for multi-channel businesses, helping them order the right items at the right time and operate more efficiently across procurement, inventory, supply chain/operations, and accounting workflows.

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Guarantee Happiness LLC - We solve an unspoken problem with the great American staple of the wardrobe: Tee shirts are not comfortable in hot weather because they have to be worn with pants, shorts, or skirts, all of which have zippers, snaps, elastic waistbands, or drawstrings, all of which compromise comfort especially in summer heat. Our new product, called a Tee Skirt Dress, offers a solution so effective customers have been wearing them from point of sale. The “sister dress” called a Jazzy Diversion Dress offers the same ultimate comfort with a dressier look and even roomier fit for all body types.

Website: https://guaranteehappiness.com/
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Camouflage Perks - We are developing an app that connects Military Connected personnel with the many resources available. We’ll put all of the resources in one place so you don’t have to rely on word of mouth to find the support you need. An easy-to-navigate app will make building connections accessible for everyone.

Website: https://Camouflageperks.com

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MARIANGELA WALKER
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Cadena Collective
- Cadena Collective is a lifestyle marketplace dedicated to elevating the voices and stories of artisans and brands that maintain artisanal techniques alive and promote storytelling through high-quality slow fashion. We set out to work with brands that share our vision and passion for slow fashion, artisanal production, and social impact.

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Culturus Consulting Firm
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Adam Arizaga
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Sunny Side Ink
- We offer embroidery and screen printed products that promote our customers’ brand. We help with customer retention and make our clients look good.

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Correa Cruises
- Online travel agency

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Martha Cressy
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The Bookkeeping Asset LLC
- I offer bookkeeping services to insurance agencies. The insurance industry has nuances that bookkeepers often do not have enough knowledge about. I worked at an insurance agency for 18 years and am very well acquainted for the problems insurance agencies have with sweeps and agency billed accounts.

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**Latinx Entrepreneurs**

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**Mission Virtual LLC** - Virtual assistants for creatives and professionals to provide support so they can focus on the mission. Also creating jobs for military spouses to tackle work-life balance and continue their careers.  
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**Soft Serve Succulents** - I provide plant lovers all the ingredients needed to help their plants thrive. My arrangements are for those who love plants but don’t know what’s needed to take care of them. Nurturing plants is a form of self-care, and that’s what I want to tap into.  
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**Active Duty**  
**Procurity.AI** - We’re revolutionizing public sector procurement with AI. Our software automates repetitive tasks, provides real-time analytics, and enables data-driven decisions. This saves procurement professionals time, reduces costs, and brings unprecedented transparency.  
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**Oscar Peña**  
**Veteran**  
**NeatO Cleaning** - NeatO Cleaning makes scheduling and booking your cleaning the most user-friendly and pressure-free experience in Los Angeles. On top of providing a top notch cleaning experience, we understand that communication is also an important factor to our clients, which is why we encourage our clients to reach out to us in any form that is most convenient for them. Be it email, text, or the old fashioned phone call. And last and definitely not least, our clients trust us with their homes and that means everything to us.  
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CHRISTOPHER PONCE
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LFGI Research & Development - Every business stands at the intersection of their present offerings and future aspirations. Yet, navigating the intricate path of connecting ideas and realizing that vision, especially in the realm of AI integration, can be daunting and time-consuming. We step in as your guide, unraveling complexities, and bridging the gap between your current state and your envisioned AI-empowered future.

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Chicago Landscape Company - Chicago Landscape Company is a veteran-owned business specializing in year-round landscape solutions for both residential and commercial properties. We address the problem of neglected and uninspiring outdoor spaces by offering top-notch landscaping services that cater to homeowners and businesses seeking beauty, functionality, and eco-friendliness. Our comprehensive approach ensures property maintenance across all seasons, making our solution awesome for enhancing aesthetics, sustainability, and the upkeep of diverse landscapes.
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Sancorp Consulting LLC - Sancorp Consulting LLC is a solutions provider providing tailored service support to government clients within the areas of Counterintelligence, Insider Threat, Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, Influence Perceptions/Information Operations, Exploitation/Biometrics/Identity Activities. Our clients include DoD, DOJ, and other government agencies. Our solutions are based on identifying subject matter experts with operational context and technical capabilities to provide govt clients with the right solutions to national security challenges. Sancorp is unique in our culture, ethos, technical and non-technical expertise, and drive to achieve ‘yes’ solutions.
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Sweet Melao - We are a powered by women, Veteran family-owned business, my sister and I started to commercialize our patent pending natural sweetener, and granolas, jams, and cookies sweetened with our Melao natural sweetener.

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